
Countess of Chester Evidence about the number of deaths on the neonatal unit Pre-2015

1. On 1 July 2015, Dr Brearey conducted a mortality review of Child A, Child C and Child D's deaths. Within this he set out the number of deaths in the Neonatal Unit as follows [[INQ0003191](#), p3]:
 - 2008 - 4
 - 2009 - 1
 - 2010 - 1
 - 2011 - 3
 - 2012 - 3
 - 2013 - 2
 - 2014 - 3
2. On 15 March 2016, Eirian Powell sent Dr Brearey an email with the subject line 'annual mortality numbers.' Ms Powell set out the following figures [[INQ0005697](#)]:
 - 2010 – 2
 - 2011 – 2
 - 2012 – 3
 - 2013 – 2
 - 2014 – 3
3. In readiness for an Executive meeting on 13 July 2016, Ruth Millward (Head of Risk and Patient Safety) and Alison Kelly (Director of Nursing) prepared a Position Paper on neonatal mortality. The below is taken directly from the paper ([INQ0004593](#), page 3)

4.1 Mortality Data

Data discrepancies between the differing systems in place has led to a number of challenges in obtaining an accurate account of the Neonatal Unit activity over time. Having reviewed the outputs from Meditech, BadgerNet (neonatal specific electronic patient record), HED (Healthcare Evaluation Data) and that recorded within the Trust's Bereavement Office, the actual number of deaths occurring within the Neonatal Unit recorded from January 2010 up to and including June 2016 is as follows (calendar years):

Actual number of deaths in the Neonatal Unit:

Year	Number of NNU Deaths
2010	1
2011	3
2012	3
2013	2
2014	3
2015	8
2016 YTD	5
Total	25

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