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Meeting: Trust Board
Date: 27 July 2011

Title: **Learning from mortality reviews**

Executive Summary: This paper describes an audit of deaths in the hospital and learning points to improve clinical practice. Whittington Health has a very low standardised mortality rate; the common causes of death in the hospital relate to long-term conditions, many of which are amenable to better public awareness, preventive medicine and screening opportunities for the wider population. There are also further opportunities to engage patients with terminal disease in choosing whether they would prefer to die at home, and avoiding futile terminal admissions to hospital for them. In addition this audit describes lessons learned to enhance patient safety.

Action: For information

Report from: Celia Ingham Clark, Medical Director

Sponsor: Yi Mien Koh, Chief Executive

Financial Validation Lead: Director of Finance	n/a
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Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance Lead: All directors	Reference: NHS Operating Framework 2011/12
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