

To all DCO Directors of Nursing
For dissemination to CCG & provider
Directors of Nursing

14th March 2017

Dear Colleagues

Subject: CQC review into deaths and Learning Disability Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme – initial actions

As you are aware in December last year, the Care Quality Commission published its review Learning, candour and accountability: A review of the way NHS trusts review and investigate deaths of patients in England.

The Care Quality Commission and NHS Improvement have since written to Medical Directors of acute, mental health and community Trusts outlining the governance arrangements and processes to accommodate the review and reporting of deaths (see attached letter dated 22nd February 2017).

We are supporting the roll out of the LeDeR (Learning disabilities mortality programme) which will essentially deliver the mortality reviews for people with a learning disability as outlined by CQC and NHSI and help meet these governance arrangements.

I am delighted to announce that Robert Tunmore (r.tunmore@nhs.net) has been appointed as the South regional coordinator for the LeDeR programme and will be able to support you with this important work.

We are currently reviewing how best to support the roll out of the programme, and have identified a number of actions for local areas that will help to initiate the work:

CCG actions

- Each CCG needs to nominate a local leader – a Local Area Contact - to co-ordinate and enable reviews of all deaths of people with a learning disability and to notify Robert of their contact details **by Friday 7th April 2017 to: r.tunmore@nhs.net.**
- Support the recruitment of LeDeR reviewers

Provider action

- Recruit reviewers - training will be provided in conjunction with Bristol University.

Regional actions by Robert Tunmore

- Set up local information events – 2 hour sessions to inform people about the LeDeR programme in your area.
- Establish Training for Local Area Contacts, and for LeDeR reviewers.

Robert is developing an implementation support pack that will include resources to support you in setting up your local structures and processes for this programme. He will be your main contact for further information about the LeDeR Programme and its' implementation across the south region. Once your Local Area Contact has been identified he will arrange an initial call to discuss setting up local information events, further support and training.

Thank you for your support with this important programme.

Yours sincerely,



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