

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

'The Trust is aware that NICOR analysis of centre aggregated results for the congenital paediatric cardiac procedures in the 2010-2013 cohort has shown that the 30 day post-operative survival at the Leeds General Infirmary is beyond the 98% confidence limits predicted by the risk analysis model.

The information published by NICOR is a statistical analysis based on complex examination of retrospective data only, not a report based on a clinical review of any actual cases.

We recognise that alerts triggered by complex data can be helpful by indicating a need for further investigation. In LTHT all deaths for the period 2010-2013 have already been extensively reviewed by an independent external panel of clinicians as part of the jointly commissioned Trust/NHS England review of Leeds Children's Heart Surgery Services. The conclusion was that the service was safe and running well.

We have noted the addendum report for Leeds Teaching Hospitals Children's Heart Unit which shows that the more recent, 2011-14, and expanded NICOR analysis of data for 1, 2, 3 and 5 year periods show that mortality for this service is within the predicted range and in line with all other units.

The Trust recognises the impact this information can have for families. We want to reassure all families that the service is safe and delivering high quality care and the Trust are actively engaged in the development and delivery of the New Standards for Congenital Heart Disease Services in England.'

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