



Benchmarking data for Avon and Wiltshire Partnership Trust relating to unexpected deaths

1. Purpose of the paper

This paper has been prepared as an attempt to offer assurance to commissioners and the public regarding the comparative death rates for patients under the care of the local mental health trust as a result of recent queries by a lay person at a Bristol forum relating to unexpected deaths in the community. It is shared for information only.

2. Overview and Key Points

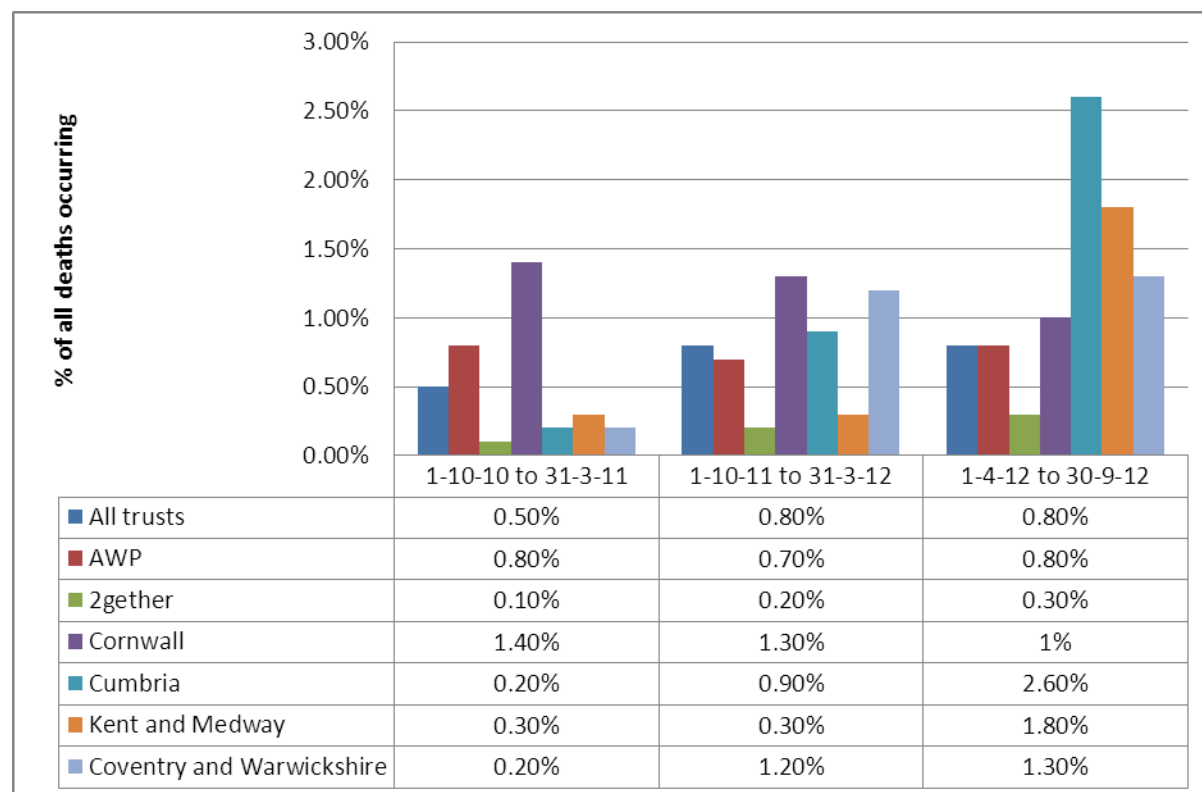
South West CSU undertook widespread and lengthy research to try to locate specific information for these deaths but found it very difficult to source meaningful data – scope for analysis has therefore been limited. Commissioners are requested to note the following:

- There is no current standard benchmarking framework for such data for mental health trusts
- There is no current expectation that mental health trusts will collect this data
- It is difficult to collect meaningful data with 'like for like' comparisons across mental health trusts for a number of reasons – eg patient population in terms of numbers and acuity, geographical differences, size of trust, inconsistent standards and rates of reporting
- There is currently no data in the public domain regarding cross-trust comparisons of unexpected deaths/suspected suicides.

The nearest AWP may come to these sorts of comparisons is work on benchmarking suicides with the published data from the National Confidential Inquiry (NCI), looking at the number of deaths the trust could 'expect' to see based on their methodology. However, the trust has broader reporting criteria than the NCI, so even this approach would not be a like-for-like comparison. The trust is currently working with the NCI to identify the most appropriate way of undertaking the comparison and of ensuring that any analysis is robust. The trust plans to have completed a five-year thematic review (2008-12) by the end of 2014, and will be sharing this with commissioning colleagues.

The following data is available from the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) – a voluntary reporting tool:

Comparative data - % of all deaths from all reported incidents from all trusts



This data suggests that the incidence of such events in AWP patients is broadly similar to other trusts.

3. Financial Implications

NA

4. Risk Assessment

NA

5. Implications on equality and health inequalities

NA

6. Legal / regulatory Issues

NA

7. Recommendations

CQPM is asked to note this report for information..

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