

Incidents and Serious Incidents team (Clinical Governance)

Clinical Governance is an overarching umbrella under which all aspects of quality can be collated and monitored, and improvements to patient care can be made. It is a statutory duty placed on NHS organisations since 1999 and requires all healthcare professionals, clinicians, managers and administrative staff, to ensure that the clinical service delivered is “satisfactory, consistent and responsive”. In Leeds Community Healthcare, our clinical governance team is part of Quality and Professional Development which is led by the Director of Nursing.

Purpose of processing

Leeds Community Healthcare through the Clinical Governance team provides assurance that the systems and structures are in place to sustain and continuously improve safety and high quality services. This requires the processing of patient data. The reasons for processing patient data are:

- To ensure compliance with the local policy
- To be able to effectively provide treatment to the patient
- Ensuring safety of patients in our care and learning from incident investigations

Source of data:

- Direct from member of LCH staff
- Via incident reporting and management software

Categories of recipient

- Quality Professional Development team
- Clinical commissioning groups (CCG)
- NRLS

Categories of Personal Data

- Patients name
- Date of birth
- NHS Number
- Clinical details based on incident

Legal basis of processing

For GDPR purposes Leeds community healthcare’s lawful basis for processing is Article 6(1)e ‘...exercise of official authority...’ and Article 6(1)(b) – ‘...for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party...’ and also Article 6(1)(c) – where processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject.

For the processing of special categories (health) data the basis is Article 9(2)(h) – ‘...health or social care...’. Where we process special categories data for employment or safeguarding purposes the condition is Article 9(2)(b) – processing is necessary for the purposes of carrying out the obligations and exercising specific rights of the controller or of the data subject in the field of employment and social security and social protection law...

