



<p><b>Title of the project</b></p>	<p>Learning from Deaths – Working with Families and Carers</p>
<p><b>Sponsor Name, Title, Host Organisation</b></p>	<p>Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>
<p><b>Explain the project in one sentence</b></p>	<p>To work in in partnership through a co-production approach to improve how we listen to bereaved families/carers, and involve and support them in learning from deaths.</p>
<p><b>Tell us about the project and sponsor in no more than 175 words</b></p>	<p>Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is a CQC rated Outstanding acute trust. The Trust has a culture of continuous improvement enabled by our Patient First Improvement Programme - giving our staff the skills and support to make change happen.</p> <p>As Sponsors of this project we are committed to providing the highest level of care and sensitivity possible to bereaved families/carers.</p> <p>There is a national focus on learning from deaths, including how we support and involve families/carers in this process. The new Medical Examiner role will provide a means of checking with families if they have any concerns about the care of their loved one but there is little practical guidance on the best way to communicate with, and support families through these new processes.</p>

	<p>This project explores how we support staff and families through the whole process of death ensuring we create an equal partnership with families from the outset.</p> <p>The project will aim to involve bereaved families/carers, bereavement support agencies, hospices, funeral directors, coroners and primary care practitioners and will use a co-production methodology.</p> <p>The Fellow will be working across two hospital sites in Chichester and Worthing and will be fully supported to achieve their learning objectives and maximise the opportunities that being a Darzi Fellow offers.</p>
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