

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) Regulations 2010. They require NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts (apart from ambulance trusts) to report on the number of patient deaths which have occurred during a reporting period as part of their Quality Accounts. The information provided in the Accounts must include the number of deaths in a reporting period which have been reviewed (whether by a case record review or an investigation), how many of those deaths the trust considers are more likely than not to have been due to problems in the care provided to the patient, and what the trust has learnt and done as a result of the investigations. The Regulations are supported by “National Guidance on Learning from Deaths”, which is available at <https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/learning-deaths-nhs-national-guidance/>.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.