

Themes	Sub themes	Codes
Parental engagement	The recognition of parental engagement as a priority	Previous format of perinatal mortality review
		Role of government
		Trust priority
		Department priority
		Personal priorities
		Inconsistent service provision
		Lack of bereavement care
		Universal system
		Feasibility
	Flexible yet specific process	Specific questions for families or general
		Different parental needs
		Parents ask different things
		Parents given the opportunity to ask questions
		It is important to ask parents what they want to do
		Parents should be offered the choice
		Personal choice
		Asking what most parents want
		Basic structure for feedback for parents
		Parents don't know perinatal mortality review takes place
		Parent perspective at perinatal mortality review meeting
	Benefits of parental engagement	Information in addition to medical notes
		Parent perspective at perinatal mortality review meeting
		Review process could help answer unanswered questions
		Hindsight
		Benefits of parental involvement

		Care for partner
	Inclusive	Holistic care
		Whole family care
		Consultants responsibility to obtain questions from parents
	Obtaining feedback from parents	Questions parents ask
		Parents email questions for perinatal mortality review
		Parental questions
		Use of electronic technology to facilitate parental involvement
		Relationship issues
		Management of difficult cases
	Challenges to parental engagement	Negative aspects of parental engagement
		Parents asking multiple questions
		Involving both parents
		Vulnerable parents
		Unexpected questions from parents
		Asking parents separately for questions regarding care
		Cost and time implications for second follow up appointment
		Financial implications
		Work overload
		Communication between obstetrics and neonatal team
		Follow up neonatal deaths
		Pragmatic approach
		Use of existing resources
		Mapping of resources
		Lack of resources

		Service delivery
		Using existing resources
		Not working in isolation
		High-level incidents should be separate to the perinatal mortality review
		Parents know about high level investigations
		Information leaflets
		Support for parents
	Supporting parents through the process	Written information for parents
		Copy of written post-mortem for parents
		Birth trauma association
		Resources available outside of NHS
		Postnatal counselling
		Long-term support for parents
		Role of primary care
		Realistic expectations for parents
		Timeline for parents
		Giving parents more time
		False hope
		Parents want questions answered
		Following-up patients midwives look after
		Help prevent future stillbirths
		Helps to facilitate the postnatal debrief
The need for formalised follow-up	Timing of follow up	Timing of perinatal review
		Timing of when to ask questions from parents
		Cost and time implications for second follow up appointment
		Length of postnatal review

		Follow up with consultant
		Further follow up consultant appointment
		Parents wait for postnatal appointment
		Parents would wait for one follow up postnatal appointment
		Making sure you have all the information for parents
		Timing of postnatal consultation
		Individual consultant approaches
		Personalised approach
	Consultant appointment	Health optimisation for future pregnancy
		Future pregnancy
		Letter for parents following postnatal consultation
		Written communication to GP
		Documentation of postnatal consultation
Multi-faceted role of perinatal mortality review	Multi-faceted	Should discuss medical and emotional, general care
		Midwife wants to know findings of meeting
		Purpose of perinatal mortality meeting
		Clinical focus of perinatal mortality review
		Role of perinatal mortality review
		Questions about midwifery or nursing care
		What questions should be discussed at the perinatal mortality review
		An opportunity to debrief
		Could we have done anything differently
		Reassurance
		Midwifery attendance at perinatal mortality review
		Multidisciplinary input into perinatal mortality review meeting

Importance of multi-disciplinary attendance	Multidisciplinary attendance	Pathologist
		Role of perinatal pathologist
		Chaplain
		Ultra-sonographer attending perinatal mortality review
		Offering midwives who have looked after patient to attend
		Certain Staff may be able to answer specific questions
		Ensuring the right people are in the room
		GPs attending
		Being personally invited to review
		Neonatology
	Barriers to attendance	Allowing time to attend
		Unaware meetings are taking place
		Variation in workload
		Volume of workload
		Attendance at the perinatal mortality meeting
		Attending review as part of job plan
		Not having time to attend
		Less people attending
		Community midwife
		Support from management
Critical structure of the perinatal mortality review	Need for terms of reference	Ensuring questions are addressed and not lost
		Produce report of findings for staff
		Improvement in process
		Organisation of perinatal mortality review
		Output of perinatal mortality review

		Quality of post-mortem reports
		Close working relationship between colleagues
		Open culture
	Current & historical process	Not all mortality cases are currently discussed
		The old days
	Facilitating learning	Learning from parents
		Learning from process
		Capturing lessons from the perinatal mortality review
		Parents know what future parents want
		Positive feedback tool
		Universal system
		Continuity of care
Co-ordination and Streamlining of care	Continuity and streamlining of care	Simplified process
		Ensuring the consultant who looks after the patient the most follows up patient
		Lack of co-ordination
		Feasible process
		Lead person
	Personnel to co-ordinate care	Importance of number of people involved in process
		Bereavement champions
		Benefits of smaller vs larger team
		Role of mental health nurse
		Role of consultant
		Advocacy
		Midwife as advocate for parents

Advocacy for parents - role of bereavement care lead	Bereavement care midwife	Parents want us to ask questions for them
		Importance of professional title
		Parents ask bereavement midwife unanswered questions regarding care
		Parents attending perinatal mortality review
		Role of bereavement care midwife
		Perinatal mortality meeting after consultant follow up
		Inconsistencies in the format of perinatal mortality review
Training and support for staff	Lack of training in counselling parents – midwives, neonatal team	Training of more junior midwives in bereavement care
		Fetal medicine has more training in debriefing parents
		Parents might not want people sitting in on debrief
		Training in post mortem & Lack of training in interpreting reports
		Post mortem consent
	Support for staff	Support for midwives
		The importance of debriefing of staff
		Practicalities of asking parents
		Stillbirth rare occurrence