

Appendix 2 Board Assurance Statement for Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust

Please return this assurance statement to the NHS England Inquiry Team by 31 July 2026 to: england.nhsinquiryteam@nhs.net

Assurance statement	Confirmed (Yes or No)	Additional comments or qualifications (optional)
The roles and responsibilities between the relevant teams responsible for mortuary care, including estates, safeguarding, pathology, bereavement, mortuary and corporate services, are clear, understood and are tested on a regular basis	No	Although roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, greater resilience and multidisciplinary working will further strengthen the security and dignity of deceased people. In particular, additional assurance will be gained through the testing of security systems and processes, including out-of-hours escalation arrangements and emergency response procedures, to ensure that robust controls remain in place at all times.
The Board has undertaken a review of progress against the 29 recommendations immediately relevant to the NHS as made by the Fuller Inquiry. Where the Trust is not fully meeting a specific recommendation, a time-limited action plan is in place to close any gaps.	Yes	The Trust has undertaken a review of the 20 Fuller Inquiry recommendations applicable to the organisation. Where full compliance cannot yet be demonstrated, a comprehensive improvement plan has been developed and implemented to address the outstanding requirements and strengthen assurance relating to the care, dignity and security of deceased people.
In line with updates to the NHS Safeguarding Accountability and Assurance Framework, executive leadership has been reviewed with clear oversight of arrangements for the safeguarding of people after they die.	Yes	
The Board can assure itself the organisation has a plan in place to ensure the effective oversight of matters relating to mortuaries, related storage areas (or wider facilities) where the deceased are cared for, including the correct information and governance arrangements. If it cannot, it has identified the actions necessary to address this and a plan is in place to implement them as a matter of urgency.	Yes	Where full compliance cannot yet be demonstrated, a comprehensive improvement plan has been developed and implemented to address the outstanding requirements and strengthen assurance relating to the care, dignity and security of deceased people.

For all issues related to estates, there is an agreed timeline in place to undertake a self-assessment against the latest version of the NHS Premises Assurance Model and submit data within the current window (closing 8 September 2026), ensuring that your plan includes PAM sign-off from your Board prior to submission.	Yes	Established process in place for the completion, review and sign off of the Premises Assurance Model.
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