

14.c • Case review and unexpected outcomes

Structured objective case review is a cornerstone of good clinical governance, aiming to gain learning for improvement. Learning can be gained from most cases – challenging cases, unexpected outcomes (survivors, deaths), and those highlighted internally or externally. Each centre must ensure a robust system for identifying these cases allowing them to then be reviewed. Local governance processes are not displaced through this but often the Trauma Committee is best placed as a focus for this learning.

TARN defines unexpected outcomes as:

- Unexpected survivor – patient survived at 30 days and had a probability of survival less than 25%
- Unexpected death – patient died within 30 days of injury and had a probability of survival greater than 75%.

In order to share learning across all organisations within the Trauma Network, providers will submit learning on a monthly basis and a data summary return quarterly. This will be discussed at Network Governance meetings.

