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
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Abstract

Background Confidential enquiries have identified an urgent need to improve unit based case reviews of perinatal deaths. SCOR (standardised clinical outcome review) is a software programme developed to improve the identification of substandard care factors and learning points at unit level.

Method The application assesses management in each phase of perinatal care, identifies a taxonomy of care issues and prompts auditable action plans. It is completed by the risk manager on behalf of a multi-disciplinary unit review team. Software and training was implemented in 2011 across 17 NHS units, and a preliminary evaluation and user survey was undertaken in late 2012.

Results In total, 302 stillbirths and 130 neonatal deaths had been entered. The main themes identified by SCOR related to documentation, antenatal screening and surveillance, risk assessment and management, organisational issues and bereavement care. Responses to the evaluation survey were received from 15 of the 17 pilot sites (88%) ([Table](#)).

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Conclusion SCOR is a useful tool for lessons from adverse perinatal outcomes to be learnt and implemented for improved safety in maternity care.

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The SCOR programme for perinatal death reviews: results of pilot and user survey

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Table

Survey question about SCOR method	% 'Agree' or 'Strongly Agree'
Provides an effective standardised strategy to review cases	85.7
Identifies important issues that may not have been picked up otherwise	75.0
Generates content which improves understanding of cases	78.6
Encourages multi-disciplinary collaboration	82.1
Makes it easier to identify care issues for action	71.4
Facilitates a comprehensive review of perinatal deaths	85.7
Helps improve safe practice	89.3
Facilitates information that can be passed onto the mother/family	67.9