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Subject:	Use of Liverpool Final Pathway by Hywel Dda in 2011
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Requested:

FOI requests pertaining to the use of Liverpool Final Pathway by Hywel Dda in 2011:

1. How many other people have cited concerns about this final pathway process in the years that you utilised? Data Protection allows you to disclose the numbers, don't need names yet.
2. When and why did you stop using the final pathway?
 - a. May I see the minutes of the meeting where this was decided please?
 - b. May I also see any and all subsequent recommendations and amendments of your revised advice to patients up until the present policy employed?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that no concerns were recorded on the UHB's DATIX incident reporting system regarding the Liverpool Care Pathway (LCP), during the period 2011 and 2014. However, one (1) complaint was received in 2015.
2. The UHB confirms that a manual trawl of the UHB's Board meeting agendas, papers and minutes has been undertaken, covering the relevant time period for the calendar years 2011 to 2015, and has not returned any information in relation to the LCP. All UHB papers are published on our website and can be accessed via the link below:

[Your health board - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/your-health-board/hywel-d-da-university-health-board)

The UHB confirms that decision making in relation to pathways is carried out at an All Wales level, with the outcomes being adopted across all NHS Wales Health Boards. The LCP was adopted by the UHB in circa 2000 and was subsequently developed into the Integrated Care Priorities (ICP) during 2012.

Following the independent Neuberger review in 2013, it was recommended that use of the LCP should be phased out and replaced with personalised end-of-life care plans for individuals, resulting in the production of the 'More Care, Less Pathway: a review of the LCP'. The link to the UK Government report and additional information has been provided below:

[Review of Liverpool Care Pathway for dying patients - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/264842/More_Care_Less_Pathway_a_review_of_the_LCP.pdf)

In 2014, LCP had been completely phased out across NHS in England and Wales. The Leadership Alliance undertook a system-wide review to improve the care of people who were dying, and those important to them, and published the key document 'One Chance to get it right'. Again, a link has been provided below:

[One Chance to get it right \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/264842/One_Chance_to_get_it_right.pdf)

A copy of the factsheet 'What happened to the Liverpool Care Pathway?' has been provided, at Attachment 1.

With effect from 1 April 2016, Care Decisions for the Last Days of Life was replaced by the All Wales Integrated Care Priorities (ICP), for use in the last days of life. A link to the Welsh Government (WG) Health Circular detailing this has been provided below:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-07/care-decisions-for-the-last-days-of-life.pdf>

A report on The National Audit of Care at the End of Life (NACEL) recommendations paper was presented at the UHB's Quality, Safety and Experience Committee (QSEC), on the 8 June 2021, which includes further details on the replacement of LCP across the NHS in England and Wales and the replacement guidelines now in place. The paper is available on the UHB's website and can be accessed via the link below.

<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-arrangements/board-committees/quality-safety-and-experience-committee-qsec/qsec/qsec-8-june-2021/item-3-5-health-board-response-to-the-national-audit-of-care-at-the-end-of-li/>