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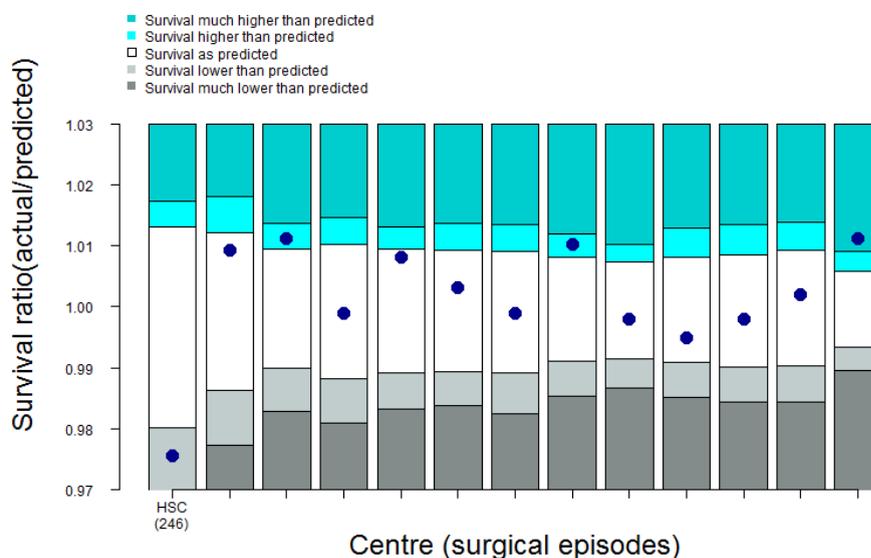
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Dear Ms Yousefi and Prof Tsang

**Ref: Congenital heart disease surgery in children: confirmed outlier status 2014-17**

Analysis of the data submission for the National Cardiac Audit Programme (Congenital Heart Disease domain) for the period 2014-2017 identified your hospital as a potential outlier of paediatric surgical procedures in patients under 16 years of age. After discussion with our Clinical Auditor, we understand that your database manager has confirmed that 246 congenital heart surgical procedures in children under the age of 16 years were undertaken during this period, with a total of ten deaths within 30 days of their operation. The final analysis is provided below and NCAP will proceed to publish these results (date to be confirmed with NHS England).

**Paediatric Surgery 2014-17**



For the next stage of the notification process, you are required to provide acknowledgement of receipt of this letter within the next 10 working days. As this is an 'alert' your medical director and Departmental clinical lead would be expected to initiate a local review of cases undertaken of your congenital heart disease surgical service, in particular the ten deaths in this period, and triangulate information with other governance information to see if further enquiries are required. This should give a better understanding of the reasons and contributing factors to the deaths in this time period. NICOR would be pleased to publish any resultant report that is produced and this would be linked from the above PRAiS2 analysis once published on the NCHDA web portal.

This process is in accordance with the HQIP Guidance 'The detection and management of outliers for National Clinical Audits' (<https://www.hqip.org.uk/resource/detection-and-management-of-outliers-for-national-clinical-audits>).

In relation to all NCHDA outliers, NICOR is also required to notify the Congenital Heart Disease Programme Director and NHS England Regional Director (copied into this letter).

Yours sincerely,



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