

Excellence Reporting: the effect of including a prompt in structured theatre debrief

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Introduction



- The 5 steps for Safer Surgery were introduced to the NHS in 2010.
- This involves a pre-list team brief & post list debrief.
- At Evelina London we introduced a structured proforma for debriefing in November 2018
- In December 2020 we incorporated a prompt into the structured theatre debrief to complete excellence or incident reports
- Here we assess the impact of that change on excellence reporting rates.

Methods

Excellence Reporting system reviewed for:

- Total number of excellence reports per month
- number of excellence reports made by staff who attend theatre debrief as part of their role
- This was then expressed as % of total reports made

Results & Discussion

Unfortunately introducing the structured debrief prompt did not have the anticipated positive effect:

- the total number of reports made was on average 17 /month before it's introduction vs 21/month after
- The percentage made by staff exposed to theatre debrief remained relatively constant too (29% pre-prompt vs 31% after)

However, the team perceive the prompt to be a useful addition to team brief so have elected to retain it.

