

## LETTER

## In response to 'Top 10 lessons from the Glasgow major incidents'

The article by Lowe *et al*<sup>1</sup>, illustrates how valuable lessons can be learnt from an individual hospital's experience of two major incidents. A major incident is, thankfully a rare occurrence, so when one does take place, every opportunity should be taken to learn from it. This article gives a rare insight into how an analysis of these incidents can lead to critical changes in response and management, which will ultimately lead to better running of major incidents and better outcomes for patients. Imagine what could be learnt therefore from the combined experience of multiple major incidents. Unfortunately, templates for reporting major incident management and lessons

learnt are heterogeneous, making analyses of pooled data from case reports difficult.<sup>2</sup>

Majorincidentreporting.net is a database that provides a standardised template for the reporting of major incidents. Once a report is completed, it undergoes peer review before it is published free of charge on the open-access website. A database of reports such as this provides an invaluable source of pooled data on major incidents that can lead to vast improvements in our response to these rare but devastating events. We hope that previous and future authors of reports from major incidents consider contributing to this collective effort in improving major incident management.

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