

We need you!!!!

Prompt notification of all child deaths is an important part of the process of the CDOP. If you become aware of a child death, please inform our Single Point of Contact on **020 8869 3068** and fill in a notification form which you can access from **www.londonscb.gov.uk/files/resources/cdop/child_death_notification_form.doc**

Every bit of information is crucial to our process!!

Stillbirths do NOT need to be notified to us – they are analysed by CEMACH (see www.cemach.org.uk)

Useful Resources



PROCEDURES:

Harrow LSCB
Tel: 020 8424 1370
www.harrowlscb.co.uk

London Safeguarding Board
Tel: 020 7934 9714
www.londonscb.gov.uk/child_death/

Every Child Matters
www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

BEREAVEMENT CARE:

Child Bereavement Trust
Tel: 01494 446648
www.childbereavement.org.uk

The Child Death Helpline
Tel: 0800 282986
www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk

Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths
Tel: 020 7233 2090
www.fsid.org.uk

Harrow Child Death Overview Panel

A GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONALS
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Every child's death is a tragedy. This leaflet provides information about what your LSCB are doing to devise preventative measures in order to reduce this tragic occurrence and safeguard the most vulnerable in our area.



Every family has the right to have their child's death properly investigated...

From the 1st April 2008, LSCB's have statutory responsibility to review all deaths of children (0 days – 18 years old) who were normally resident in the LSCB area. From 17 July 2008, Coroners must notify the LSCB's for their area of a child death if the coroner decides to hold an inquest or to conduct a post mortem; and coroners may share information with the CDOP.

Purpose of the CDOP

- Multi-agency review of all child deaths.
- Establish trends and patterns in the causes of child deaths.
- Learn lessons to improve the health of all children and prevent avoidable deaths.

Membership

The core membership of the CDOP, is drawn from the key organisations represented on the LSCB:

- Chair of the Panel – Dr Benjamin Jacobs.
- LSCB advisor – Betty Lynch
- Parent Representative
- Designated paediatrician for unexpected deaths in childhood
- Public health
- Child health from PCT and Hospital.
- LA Children's Social Care
- Police
- Coroner's Officer

Categories of childhood deaths

- Expected deaths from natural causes
- Unexpected deaths from natural causes
- Unexpected deaths that remain unexplained
- Accidents
- Homicides
- Suicides

Child Death Review Process

