



The Child death Overview Panel

What is CDOP ?

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Child Death Overview Panels



- ❑ **Child death overview panels (CDOPs) are currently a sub group of LSCB responsible for reviewing information on all child deaths both expected and unexpected.**
- ❑ **There are 28 in London, 90 in England but will be soon joining up to form larger geographical area CDOPs across London and England.**
- ❑ **They record preventable child deaths and make recommendations to ensure that similar deaths are prevented in the future.**
- ❑ **CDOPs since 2004 and established in 2006 have been accountable to the local safeguarding children board (LSCB) within the Local Authority and Department for Education** (Local Safeguarding Children's Board Regulations 2006)
- ❑ **In July 2018 the responsibility for CDOPs moved from Department for Education and LSCBs, to Joint Responsibility between Health and Local Authority** (Chapter 5 Working Together to safeguard Children 2018)

Why ?

- Learn & Share
- Prevention
- Ensure bereaved families are supported
- It is Law

What it is NOT....



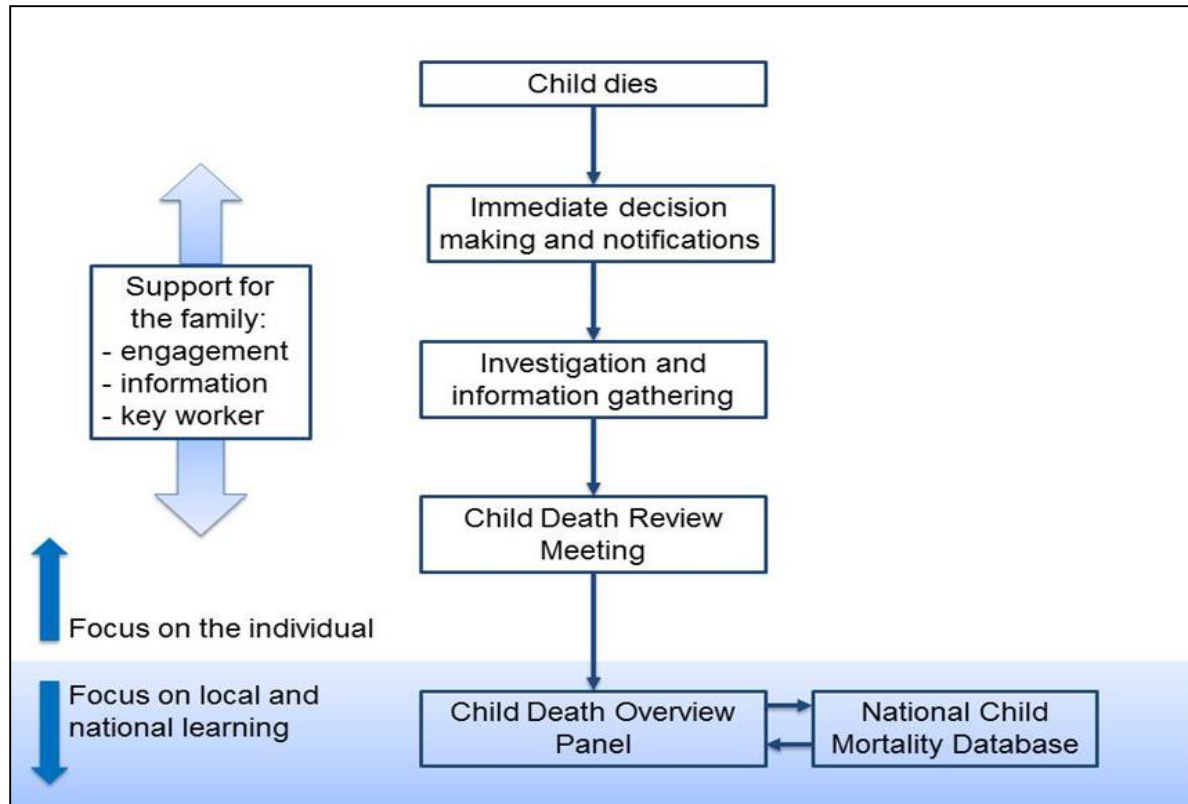
A Brief History of CDOP

- ❑ Kennedy Report 2004 Highlighted the need for more scrutiny of sudden infant deaths after high profile cases of mothers wrongly jailed for murder of their babies.
- ❑ Children's Act 2004 – called for the establishment of LSCBs and CDOPs were to be set up as a sub group of LSCB
- ❑ Alan Wood Report 2016 - looked at the efficiency of Child Death Overview Panels within his Review of Local Safeguarding Children's Boards
- ❑ Children and Social Work Act 2017
- ❑ 2017 - Consultation on Child Death review and Working Together to Safeguard Children
- ❑ New Guidelines published in July 2018
- ❑ Child Death Statutory Guidance published October 2018
- ❑ Establishment of the Child Mortality Database due to go live April 2019

Working Together to safeguard Children (2018)

- Abolish and replace Local Safeguarding Children's Boards with Safeguarding Partners **CCG, Local Authority and Police.**
- Joint Responsibility for **Child Death reviews partners as Local Authority and CCGs.**
- Increase the size of CDOPs with a minimum of 60 deaths per year inter-borough joined up sector approach.
- **Develop a Key worker role** to act as a single point of contact for bereaved parents across the sector
- Improve Joined Agency Responses led by Acute Trusts to Child Deaths
- Improved sharing and learning from deaths – systematic and uniform
- Themed child death review Meetings
- Link to **National Child Death Database goes live April 2019**

Statutory Child Death Review Guidance 2018



The Child Death process



E-CDOP

Any professional can inform the CDOP using a **Notification of Death form** be filled in online it can be saved and is sent securely to ecdop

<https://www.ecdop.co.uk/TowerHamlets/public/live>

- As much information as possible should be included in the Notification of death –
- Immediate Decisions are taken around the death including which agency will lead on the Child Death Review
- In some case this will involve the SUDI guidelines, home visit and a joint agency professionals meeting previously known as a rapid response meeting
- Information Gathering - Agency Report request forms sent via eCDOP to professionals involved with the child to be completed.
- Child Death review Meeting to finalise and prepare for CDOP Meetings
- Anonymous Case presented to CDOP for analysis with data feeding into the National Child Mortality Database and learning shared appropriately

Responsibilities



Professionals

- Support Family Throughout
- Report deaths to CDOP
- Complete agency reports if involved with child
- Attend Joint Agency Response Meetings
- Arrange Child Death Review meetings
- Inform Family of CDR process
- Prepare a joint agency report and submit to CDOP

CDOP

- To notify all agencies of death
- To request Agency Reports
- Collate all reports
- Arrange regular Panel Meetings
- Review every death
- Report to National Child Mortality database
- Share learning on a National Level
- Provide an annual report

When a child dies



❖ *Report the Death via electronic system*

❖ *complete an agency report if you knew and cared for the child via the electronic system*

❖ *You will be sent the email link to log onto electronic system*

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THANK YOU



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