



DRAFT 7 MINUTE BRIEFING: *the child death review (CDR) process and the child death overview panel (CDOP)*

Child death Reviews and Child Death Overview Panels have been a statutory requirement for Local Authorities since the 2004 Children's Act. This 7 minute briefing will give some background to Child Death Overview Panels, the Local and National Context and will provide you with information about professional responsibility in the Child Death Review Process.

2. History of CDOPs & National Context

- Child death overview panels (CDOPs) are responsible for reviewing information on all child death reviews (CDRs) and most importantly are responsible for ensuring that families are supported throughout the process. CDOPs record preventable child deaths and make recommendations so that similar deaths might be prevented in the future.
- CDOPs are chaired by Senior Public Health staff and include representatives from social care, health, GPs, safeguarding, the police other professionals. These should include lay representation.
 - Previously 89 CDOPs across England, 28 in London – this number has been reduced to 52 across England and around 10 across London since 2019.
- Newham began a CDOP transformation process in 2018 alongside Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets Hackney & City

Kennedy Report 2004 ... more scrutiny of sudden infant deaths after mothers wrongly jailed for murder of their babies

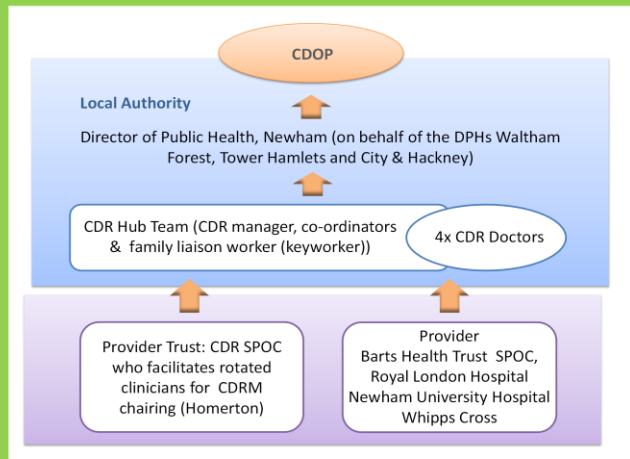
Alan Wood Report 2016 - considered efficiency of Child Death Overview Panels within his review of Local Safeguarding Children's Boards and recommended larger CDOP Panels, greater sharing of information and data

Legislation / Documents underpinning CDOPs & CDRs

Children's Act 2004 – establishment of Local Safeguarding Children's Boards. CDOPs were set up as sub group of LSCBs regulations 2006 under DfEs Working Together to Safeguard Children document

Children & Social Work Act 2017
Child Death Statutory Guidance 2018

3. Local Context



Local Context & Transformation Process

2019 - CDR System Plan with the following key features published: WELC incorporating Newham, Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets, City and Hackney

One overarching Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) across this footprint

Standardising processes is a key objective using eCDOP to manage activity & outputs across the footprint.

Chaired by Directors of Public Health

This requires collecting data on the 'whole' child in detail. The quality of the data matters; and it reflects respect for the child family and opportunity to learn

- This is a process of focussing on individual cases, then translating this information into population level data and learning for all partners and agencies
- Standardisation makes the process most efficient
- Quality assurance gives the process value
- Families need real time information; and some need longer-term bereavement support

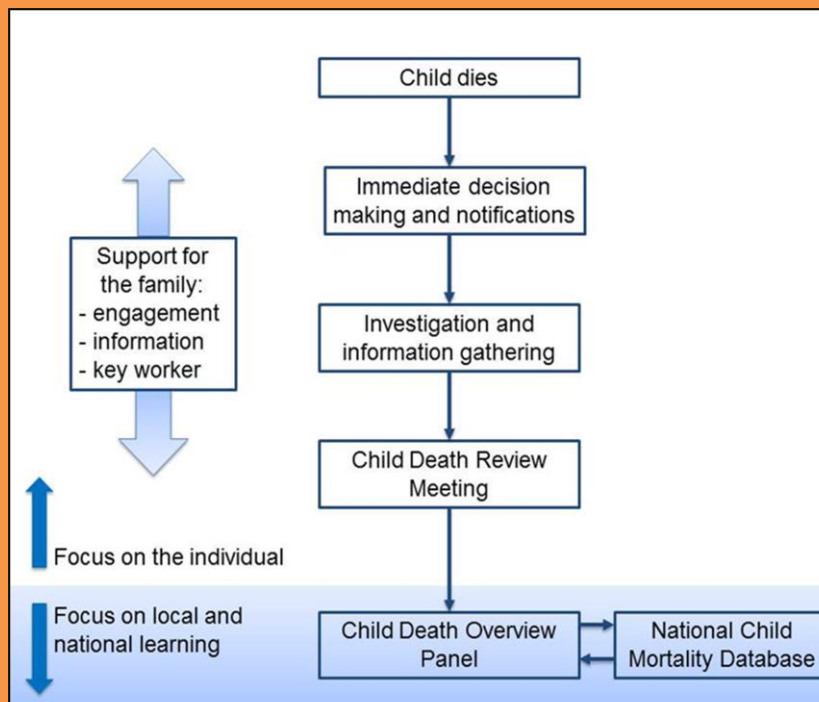
4. Likely Flashpoints



What it is NOT....

It is about LEARNING

5. The CDR Process



6. Role of the professionals involved in the care of the child –

1. Report a death on ecdop
 2. To provide information directly on the ecdop using form B.
 3. To attend Child Death Review Meeting
 4. To identify learning in their agency to reflect and make any necessary changes.
- The wider learning will be disseminated from CDOP Panels

TO REPORT A DEATH

Notification Form follow the link <https://www.ecdop.co.uk/welc/Live/public/>

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7. Questions to consider and Feedback on:

2 main documents

1. Terms of Reference available
- And
2. Standard Operational Procedures

Useful Links:

- ✓ Information / Links: Inform cdr-welc.cityhackney@nhs.net when you are aware of a child death and if you are the first health professional to know about a death complete a notification of death online at <https://www.ecdop.co.uk/welc/Live/public/>
- ✓ Support the family by offering home visits or telephone contact if appropriate
- ✓ Sign Post to Organisations such as The Lullaby Trust and Child Bereavement UK <http://childbereavementuk.org> <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/> local hospices Haven House and Richard Hospice
- ✓ COMPLETE FORM B on line using eCDOP details such as fathers name and DOB, smoking, consanguinity, Domestic Abuse. *You will be sent the email link and password to log on*
- ✓ Link for support <https://youtu.be/23qZsfwqYBw>
- ✓ Child Death Statutory Guidance [Child death review: statutory and operational guidance \(England\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612521/Child_death_review_statutory_and_operational_guidance_England.pdf)
- ✓ [Children and Social Work Act 2017 \(Get in on the Act\) \(local.gov.uk\)](https://www.local.gov.uk/children-and-social-work-act-2017) (section 24)
- ✓ Working Together to safeguard Children [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612521/Working_together_to_safeguard_children_2018.pdf) ((chapter 5)