



# Child Death Review Processes

## *Information for Parents and Carers*

### What are the Child Death Review Processes?

From April 2008 the law requires that all children's deaths must be reviewed by the Local Safeguarding Children Board Child Death Overview Panel. (Working Together To Safeguard Children 2006, Chapter 7)

### What is the purpose of the Panel?

The aim of holding Child Death Reviews is to collect information about the deaths of all children in the area, so that the Panel can:

- identify whether there are any patterns or trends emerging locally,
- identify any lessons that can be learned about the patterns of child deaths locally,

and

- based on that knowledge take action to improve the safety and wellbeing of children in the area
- to ensure that, where possible further deaths of children can be avoided.



### Will parents need to be involved?

Whilst parents will not be members of the panel, we would welcome views and information from you to be considered by the CDOP and you can do this by contacting your Child Death Overview Panel Manager.

### How will the reviews happen?

The Child Death Overview Panel will meet regularly several times a year. All the information presented to the Panel will be strictly confidential and will be treated with sensitivity and respect.

### Who will be on the Panel?

The Panel will be chaired by the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board, or representative, and will have representatives from

- Public Health
- Local Authority Children's Services
- Child Health Services (paediatrics, nursing and midwifery)
- The Police

Other professionals may be invited to give specialist advice where needed.



### How will the Panel report on its findings?

The Child Death Review Panel will provide an annual report to the Local Safeguarding Children Board. This will be a publicly available document, which will be published on the Local Safeguarding Children Board website.

All reports prepared by the Panel will be based on aggregated information, and no personal case information will be included in them.

If you have any further questions about these processes please contact:

Child Death Overview Panel Manager,  
on: