

Messages and learning from Child
Death Overview Panels (CDOP)
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Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets,
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Advocacy service



Independent advocacy services help ensure care provisions and medical complexities are fully explained and understood. It also advises against using relatives for language translation and suggests asking care providers or local communities about advocacy services.

Hospice support awareness

Hospice services are available for families before, during or after a child dies.

[Haven House Hospice](#) The White House, High Rd, Woodford, Woodford Green IG8 9LB

[Richard House – Children's hospice](#) Richard House Dr, London E16 3RG

National learning:

Safety of Nappy sacks



Nappy sacks pose a health risk and can become fatal when placed near any baby or child.

[Nappy Sacks - RoSPA](#) (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents)

[Nappy sacks: Danger on the changing mat \(capt.org.uk\)](#) (Child Accident Prevention Trust)

Also see their [threats to breathing fact sheet](#) and their [new poster](#)

Correction Hospital visiting

Information published in the previous newsletter has been corrected and is written below.

Article 9 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) emphasizes the importance of family life, including children visiting parents, siblings, and relatives in hospital settings. However, to reduce the risk of introducing and spreading infections among vulnerable patients, it is crucial for families to be informed not to bring visitors, including children, who have symptoms of illnesses such as Respiratory Syncytial Virus, diarrhoea, or vomiting.

Maternity learning:

I'm worried about: [Home :: Healthier Together \(what0-18.nhs.uk\)](#)

(Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health)

Child Deaths abroad



If a child who is a British national, dies abroad, the family are advised to notify the local authorities and the UK Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate in the country where the child has died.