

Useful contacts

Support and resources for bereaved families:

The Compassionate Friends

Bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents.

Helpline: 0345 123 2304

www.tcf.org.uk

Cruse (Bereavement Care)

Helpline: 0808 808 1677

www.cruse.org.uk

The Lullaby Trust

Death of a baby or young toddler

Helpline: 0808 802 6868

www.lullabytrust.org.uk

Sands (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society)

Helpline: 020 7436 5881

www.sands.org.uk

Muslim Bereavement Support Service

Helpline: 020 3468 7333

www.mbss.org.uk

SUDC – Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood

www.sudc.org.uk

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Child Bereavement UK

Support and Information: 0800 028 8840

www.childbereavementuk.org

Grief Encounter

Helpline: 020 8371 8455

<http://www.griefencounter.org.uk/>

Winston's Wish

Helpline: 0845 203 0405

www.winstonswish.org.uk

Sibling Support

www.siblingsupport.co.uk

hello@siblingsupport.co.uk

The Coroners' Courts Support Service

Helpline: 0300 111 2141

helpline@ccss.org.uk

www.coronerscourtsupportservice.org.uk

Strong Men

Helpline: 07821 676729

hello@StrongMen.org.uk

www.strongmen.org.uk

Information for parents and carers about the Child Death Review Process



Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets, Newham, City
and Hackney

Introduction

We would like to express our sincere condolences at this sad time. Talking and thinking about a child's death is a sensitive and painful subject. We understand that this can be particularly upsetting for parents, families and carers.

This leaflet explains some of the things that will happen after your child has died. It also provides a list of organisations that you might find helpful now or sometime in the future.

The Government legally requires each local authority to review every child death under the age of 18 years. This is called the Child Death Review Process (CDR).

Your child may have died due to a longstanding illness that is explained, or it may have been unexpected or unexplained.

An unexpected or unexplained death is defined as one which was not anticipated 24 hours prior to the death.

The more that we understand about why your child died, the more we can aim to help prevent children dying in the future.

There are 2 main parts to the CDR process:

1 Joint Agency Response (JAR) following a sudden unexplained death of a child

A meeting called a 'joint agency response' is held by a group of key professionals who gather the facts surrounding how your child died unexpectedly. This may take place within the first few days of your child's death. This response is led by a designated doctor or nurse for child death. It may mean include a visit (but not always) to where your child died by a police officer, health professional and/or social worker.

The purpose of the meeting is to make sure all relevant information is available to the review process and to make sure that you and your family are supported throughout the Child Death Review process.

2 The Child Death Review (CDR) process and Child Death overview Panel (CDOP)

The CDR is attended by all professionals involved in the care around the family and uses information about each child's death to consider if there are any lessons to be learnt.

Anonymised data and recommendations are then presented to the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) for wider learning which may be shared both locally and nationally.

The CDOP has representation from public health, local health services, social care services, and police. Other organisations may be invited to give specialist advice.

We want you to be part of the CDR process

You will be provided a Family Liaison Worker so that you get the right support during the CDR process and are told about support available. You can share information about your child that you feel may help the process. It is not appropriate for you to attend the professional meetings however, your liaison worker will ensure you are represented at the meetings and let you know the outcome.

Your Family Liaison worker is:

familyliaison.cdrwelc@childbereavementuk.org

If you are unable to make contact with your Family Liaison worker, please contact:

Email: cdr-welc.cityhackney@nhs.net

Telephone: 020 3373 9375 / 07977 597849

All CDR review information is treated with respect and confidentiality. At no point will your child or family be named outside of meetings.

The Coroner

All unexplained deaths must be reported to the Coroner. This will be explained by the doctors and professionals following your child's death. Whilst the Coroner is independent of the process, they will be invited to exchange relevant information with the CDR process.