

# Child Death Review Process for Professionals



## One Minute Guide



### What is the purpose of the Child Death Review Process (CDRP) ?

The purpose is to collect information about the deaths of all children in the area so the Child Death Overview Panel can;

- Consider if there is any action to prevent other children from dying and to ensure that where possible further deaths of children can be avoided.
- Identify whether there are any patterns or emerging trends locally.
- Establish any lessons that can be learned about patterns of child deaths locally and take action to improve the safety and wellbeing of children in the area.

### What is the Child Death Overview Panel?

CDOP is a multi-agency panel responsible for reviewing information on all child death's up to the age of 18 (expected and unexpected) in North Yorkshire and City of York.

### Who is on the Child Death Overview Panel?

The Panel is chaired by a Public Health Consultant and has representatives from;

- Public Health
- Local Authority Children's Services and Education
- Child Health Services such as paediatrics, nursing and midwifery
- Police

On occasion the Panel co-opt experts to assist their information gathering and analysis. When needed.

### How do the reviews happen?

The Child Death Overview Panel meet bi-monthly. All the information presented to the Panel is anonymised, strictly confidential and is treated with sensitivity and respect.

### How do we Involve parents and family members in the CDRP?

The parents of each child receive a letter along with a CDOP leaflet from the CDOP Chair person 6 weeks after their child's death. Both advise them about the Child Death Review Process and how they can express their views and feed into it if they wish.

### How does the Panel report its findings?

The Child Death Review Panel provide an annual report to the North Yorkshire and City of York Safeguarding Children Board's. This is a publically available document, which is published on the North Yorkshire and City of York Safeguarding Children Board websites.

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

The panel will be seeking sensitive confidential information about the child and other family members.

The statutory framework that underpins this information is laid down in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015).

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