

# CDOP Newsletter

## Child Death Overview Panel

The death of any child is a tragedy and it is vital to review all child deaths so that we can learn as much as possible from them to enable us to support families and try to prevent future deaths.

### What is Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)?

Statutory function for Local Safeguarding Children Board since 2008 (Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2010)

CDOP reviews all child deaths in children under 18 years of age and carries out this process in a confidential setting using anonymised details for each child

Ensures professionals are available to rapidly respond to unexpected child deaths—to make enquiries into the circumstances surrounding the death and to support the family

Identifies any modifiable factors or lessons learnt from local child deaths

Main purpose is to prevent future deaths in children and CDOP publishes an Annual Report via the Bradford Children Safeguarding Board website.

### Who sits on the Panel?

- ◆ Public Health
- ◆ Paediatricians
- ◆ Police
- ◆ Social Care
- ◆ Designated Safeguarding Nurses
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Lay Member/Faith Representative
- ◆ CDOP Manager
- ◆ Experts invited as required

## Safeguarding Week

For the second year running members of the CDOP panel will be presenting

### “Why do Children Die in Bradford?”

at the BSCB Safeguarding week.

Presentations will take place on:

#### Monday 17 October 10.00—12.00

Hockney Room Margaret McMillan Towers

#### Wednesday 19 October 10.00—12.00

Oaks Room, St Peter's House

*To book a place please contact the CDOP*

*office on : 01274 383519*



## Reporting a Child Death

All deaths of children from birth to the day before their 18th birthday should be reported through the Child Death Review Office as soon as possible after death. It is important to remember that a child's death should be reviewed in the area where the child would normally reside rather than in the area that they die.

To notify a child death please contact:

Louise Clarkson CDOP Manager on 01274 383519 as soon as the children has died as possible. Notification forms can also be found on the BSCB website [www.bradford-scb.org.uk](http://www.bradford-scb.org.uk).

Contact: 01274 383519

## Meet the Panel

The Bradford CDOP meets on a monthly basis. Substantive members of the panel are:

Dr Shirley Brierley—Consultant Public Health/Chair of the Child Death Overview Panel

Dr Eduardo Moya—Consultant Paediatrician/SUDIC Paediatrician Bradford & Airedale

Dr Catriona McKeating—Consultant Paediatrician/SUDIC Paediatrician Bradford & Airedale

Dr Kate Ward—Consultant Paediatrician Airedale

Dr Louise Clarke—GP Commissioner CCGs

Farah Husain—Childrens Social Care

Ashraft Seedat—Education

Jude MacDonald—Deputy Designated Nurse CCG

Karen Bentley—Named Nurse Safeguarding Bradford Teaching Hospitals

Shaheen Kauser—Muslim Chaplain

Joanna Fraser—West Yorkshire Police

Board Manager—Bradford Safeguarding Children's Board

## Review Process

The statutory process for reviewing child deaths is set out within Chapter 5 of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015. This describes the inter-related process of initiating a rapid response to sudden unexpected deaths in childhood (SUDIC). The lead professionals for the SUDIC response within the Bradford District are Dr Eduardo Moya and Dr Catriona McKeating.

The CDOP office is routinely notified of all child deaths which from 2008–2016 averages around 80 deaths per year. In recent years the numbers of child deaths have reduced to 60-70 per year and overall infant and child mortality rates have reduced significantly. However, they remain above regional and national rates (see Fig 1 below)

Standard information gathering proformas are completed by agencies that have had involvement with the child and family. This information is then collated into one report that is anonymised and presented to the CDOP for consideration.

CDOP discusses each case at length and then determines and records

A category in respect of the cause of death

- Whether the death was preventable
- Whether there were any modifiable factors which could have contributed to the death

### Modifiable

factors—these may have

contributed to the death and which by locally or nationally achievable

interventions could be modified to

reduce the risk of future deaths.

## Data

The Child Death Overview Panel have been collecting data on all child deaths in the Bradford district since April 2008. Infant mortality rates have reduced year on year for the last six years from 7.9 in 2008-10 to 5.8 in 2012-14. Child mortality rates have also reduced from 20.7 in 2010-11 to 17.7 in 2012-14 as in Fig1 below:

