



Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board Bulletin

The Portsmouth Child Death Process

The dedicated Portsmouth child death overview panel (CDOP) has now been operational since 1 November 2015 and we would like to acknowledge the help we have received during this transition. The panel met recently and it was agreed that further explanation on the process and completion of the Form Bs would be beneficial for all agencies concerned along with clarification of the expected time frame for these returned forms.

The overall purpose of the child death review process is to understand how and why children die, put in place interventions to protect other children and prevent future deaths.

CDOP will gather and assess information on the deaths of all children and young people from birth (excluding those babies who are stillborn) up to the age of 18 years. This will include neonatal deaths, expected and unexpected, in infants and in older children. The outcomes of these reviews will be shared with the other CDOPs in Southampton, Hampshire and Isle of Wight to ensure any common themes and emerging trends are identified and learning shared.

If you require any help with the completion of the form or further clarification of the process

Completing the Form B

The Form B is sent out to all agencies involved with a child and family. Agencies are **NOT** expected to complete all the form, only those sections and questions on which information is held. If information is not known then these boxes **MUST** be marked with either NK (Not Known) or NA (Not Applicable) so we are aware the question has been considered but no information is available.

The purpose of Form B is to gather information about each child's death and life. Its primary purpose is to enable CDOP to review all children's deaths in Portsmouth in order to understand patterns and factors contributing to the death and ultimately to take steps to prevent future child deaths. The national guidelines state these forms should be returned within a **3 week** timeframe.

please contact the CDOP Co-ordinator on 02392 841540 or email CDOP@portsmouthcc.gcsx.gov.uk.

If you are connected with one of our health partners and require further information please contact either Sarah Shore or Tina Scarborough at the Portsmouth CCG Safeguarding Team on 023 92 899525/502 or secure email PCCG.SafeguardingTeam@nhs.net



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