Child Death Pathway

London Boroughs of Bromley, Southwark & Lambeth

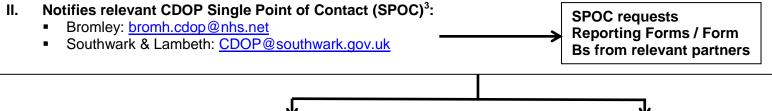
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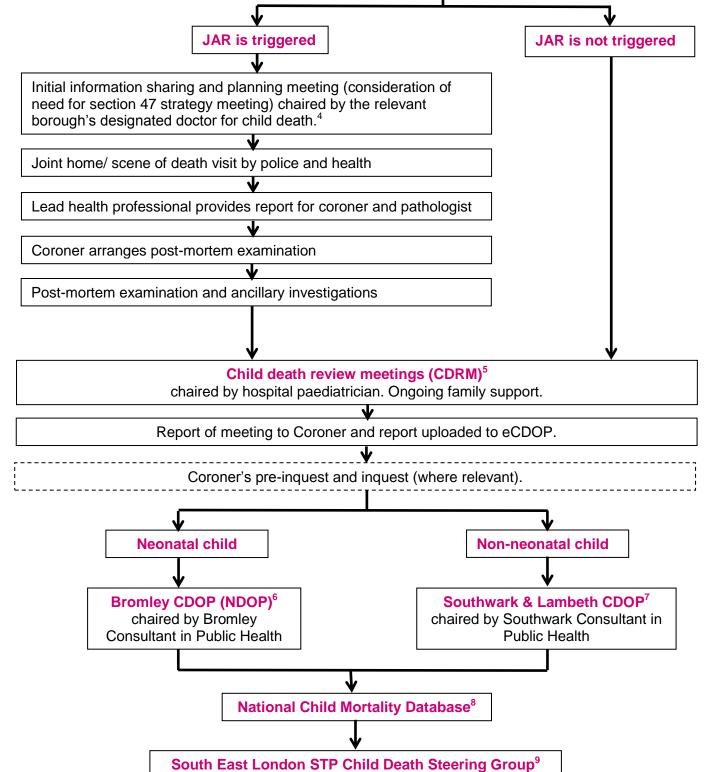


Lead professional in charge of the child who died:

Proceeds with immediate decision making:

- 1. Identifies the available facts about the circumstances of the child's death¹;
- 2. Will liaise with the designated doctor for child death² regarding whether the death meets the criteria for a Joint Agency Response (JAR), and if so contacts the relevant borough's designated doctor fro child death and the on-call representatives for the police and children's social care immediately;
- 3. Determines whether an MCCD can be issued, if not, consider whether the death should be referred to the coroner;
- 4. Determines whether an issue relating to health care or service delivery has occurred or is suspected and therefore whether the death should be referred to the coroner and/or a serious incident investigation;
- 5. Identifies how to best support the family; and
- 6. Determines whether any actions are necessary to ensure the health and safety of others, including family or community members, healthcare patients and staff.





Immediate decision making and notifications

Investigation and information gathering

CDRM

CDOP

Notes:

- 1. When a child not resident in the area dies in the area the case will be discussed by CDOP process managers and Designated Doctors between the CDOP areas.
- 2. CDRMs should be chaired by the hospital paediatrician. The PICU/ED Child Death Lead Paediatrician will chair the CDRM for all child deaths in the PICU and Emergency Department. The Designated Doctor to attend and chair CDRMs for out of hospital deaths and all deaths of 17 and 18 year olds in adult ICU. This role will also cover deaths in custody and deaths in in-patient mental health settings unless the child is taken to hospital / PICU / A&E. The Designated Doctor will attend but not chair in-hospital CDRMs where there is a JAR. The Neonatal Child Death lead Paediatrician will chair the CDRM for all deaths in the neonatal and maternity units. This will use data from the PMRT.

Parents contributions are fed in via the Key Worker or another professional. CDRM attendees could include: GP or practice nurse, Health Visitor, community health services, mental health services, police, LAS, CSC, school / early years setting, plus others dependent on the case.

- 3. There will be a single SPOC for Lambeth and Southwark with 1 WTE administrator, and a separate SPOC for Bromley, based at Bromley Healthcare, with 0.6 WTE administrator (part of a team with appropriate cover). There will also be 1WTE Process Manager in Lambeth & Southwark, and 0.5 Child Death Nurse / Process Manager in Bromley.
- 4. Where a JAR does take place, the Designated Doctor for that borough will chair the meeting. When the Designated Doctor is not available, another Community Paediatrician from their borough team will attend the meeting in their place and liaise with the Designated Doctor as soon as practicable.
- 5. For Bromley, 1.5 PA Community Paediatrician for Designated Doctor role is employed by Bromley Healthcare Community Interest Provider (community provider. For Lambeth, 1.5 PA Community Paediatrician for Designated Doctor role is employed by Guy's and St. Thomas's Trust. For Southwark, 1.5 PA Community Paediatrician for Designated Doctor role is employed by Guy's and St. Thomas's Trust.
- 6. The job roles of the Neonatal CDOP (NDOP) are:
 - a. Consultant in Public Health Medicine, LB Bromley (Chair)
 - b. Designated Doctors for Child Death (1 of the 3 Designated Doctors on a rota basis)
 - c. Child Death Nurse / Process Manager for Child Death, LB Bromley
 - d. Administrator for Child Deaths, LB Bromley
 - e. Police representative (in liaison with Police from all 3 boroughs)
 - f. Children's Social Care representative (in liaison with CSC from all 3 boroughs)
 - g. Bereavement Midwife from each hospital trust
 - h. Consultant Obstetrician (in liaison with the Obstetric Child Death leads from each provider)
 - i. Consultant Neonatologist (in liaison with the Neonatal Paediatric Child Death leads from each provider
- 7. The job roles of the Non-neonatal CDOP are:
 - a. Consultant in Public Health Medicine, LB Southwark (Chair)
 - b. Designated Doctors for Child Death (2 of the 3 Designated Doctors on a rota basis)
 - c. Process Manager for Child Death, LB Southwark and LB Lambeth (joint post)
 - d. Administrator for Child Deaths, LB Southwark
 - e. Police representative (in liaison with Police from all 3 boroughs)
 - f. Children's Social Care representative (in liaison with CSC from all 3 boroughs)
 - g. Children's Hospice representative (in liaison with Children's Hospices from all 3 boroughs)
 - h. Designated Nurse / Named Nurse / Safeguarding Nurse
 - i. Acute Paediatrician
 - j. Other members may include CAMHS professionals, school representatives, GPs HVs or School Nurses, Traffic Police, Coroner's Officers. Bromley representatives may attend the non-neonatal CDOP for specific cases.
- 8. The London Boroughs of Bromley, Lambeth and Southwark all use eCDOP which automatically updates to NCMD.
- 9. A South East London STP Child Death Steering Group has been set up which will review the data from Bromley, Lambeth and Southwark along with Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham joint CDOPs. The aim of this group is to share data and learning from child deaths, and take forward action at the STP level where appropriate.

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