

Child Death Review Process / How to trigger a Joint agency response (JAR)

Unexpected Child Death: <18 years old / Criteria for a JAR:

- is or could be due to external causes
- is sudden and there is no immediately apparent cause (including sudden unexpected death in infancy/childhood (SUDI/C);
- occurs in custody, or where the child was detained under the Mental Health Act;
- where the initial circumstances raise any suspicions that the death may not have been natural; or
- in the case of a stillbirth where no healthcare professional was in attendance.

These children should be taken to ED unless clearly inappropriate

1. Asap Lead Clinician to inform the **Police - Tel: 101**, the **Named Nurse, Child Death Reviews – Tel: 07824-350491 / Sat & Sun 9-5pm: Tel: 07917- 212791 (Both will attend ED)** and the **Coroner - Tel: 01483-637300 (office hours) Out of hours Tel 101** and ask for the on-call Coroner's Officer
2. Lead Clinician to contact Children's Social Care – **Tel: 0300 470 9100 / Out of hours: Tel: 01483 517898**

3. Initial information-sharing and planning discussion held between Lead Clinician, Police and Social Care (to include information from the Ambulance crew; Discussion to be documented in child's records).
4. If Safeguarding concerns are identified, an initial multi-agency strategy discussion/meeting to be convened by Children's Social Care.
5. Police to arrange joint home/scene visit with the Named Nurse, Child Death reviews: **Tel: 07824-350491 / Sat & Sun (9-5pm): Tel: 07917- 212791** for children who meet criteria for Joint Agency Response (JAR)

6. Inform Child Death Review Coordinator **Tel: 01372-833319** asap and notify death via eCDOP: Links below
A. Surrey CDOP Notification Form (<https://www.ecdop.co.uk/Surrey/Live/Public>)
 7. Complete Child Death SI if the case meets the SI criteria and follow Hospital Policy
 8. Notify GP
- If there are Safeguarding concerns, Health Professional to follow Surrey Safeguarding Children Board procedures and Hospital Safeguarding Children Procedures.**

CDOP Coordinator cascades information to CDOP Team and all appropriate agencies via eCDOP.

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