

# How to trigger a Joint Agency Response (JAR)

## 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 or occurred in prison.
- an MCCD cannot be issued (if MCCD can be issued see Death does not trigger a JAR flowchart)
- **A JAR should also be triggered if a child is brought to hospital near death but has been successfully resuscitated.**

**All children should be taken to ED unless agreed by Coroner to go straight to mortuary**

1. ASAP Lead Clinician to inform the
  - a. Police (Tel: 101)
  - b. Child Death Review Nurse– Mon-Sun 9am-5pm (07917 212791) **(Both will attend ED)**
  - c. Coroner (01483 637300 office hours) Out of hours (101 and ask for the on-call Coroner's Officer)
2. Police to contact Children's Social Care (0300 470 9100 / Out of hours: 01483 517898)

3. Information Sharing and Planning Meeting held between Hospital Clinician, Police, CDR Team and Children's Services (to include information from Ambulance crew) before family leave ED.
4. If Safeguarding concerns are identified, an initial multi-agency strategy discussion to be convened by Children's Social Care.

**For suspected suicide please follow Suicide Specific Flowchart.**

5. Notification of death via eCDOP: Links below
  - A. [Surrey CDOP Notification Form](https://www.ecdop.co.uk/Surrey/Live/Public) (<https://www.ecdop.co.uk/Surrey/Live/Public>)
6. Complete Child Death SI if the case meets the SI criteria and follow Hospital Policy
7. Police, SOCO and Child Death Review Nurse complete joint home/scene visit: (07917 212791)

CDR Co-ordinator will cascade information to all appropriate agencies via eCDOP and case will follow Child Death Review Process - [syheartlandscg.surreycdop@nhs.net](mailto:syheartlandscg.surreycdop@nhs.net)

**7 Day (9am-5pm) Surrey CDR Nurse On Call - 07971 212791**