

## 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
- in the case of a stillbirth where no healthcare professional was in attendance or occurred in prison
- a Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) cannot be issued
- **A JAR should also be triggered if a child is brought to hospital near death, has been successfully resuscitated but is expected to die in the following days**

**All children must 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)**
  - c. **Coroner (01483 637300 office hours) Out of hours (101 and ask for the on-call Coroner's Officer) (All will attend ED)**
2. **Police to contact Children's Social Care (0300 470 9100 / Out of hours: 01483 517898)**



3. **Immediate discussion to be held between Hospital Clinician, Police, CDR Team and Children's Services before family leave ED to ensure safety of siblings**
4. **If immediate safeguarding concerns are identified, an initial multi-agency strategy discussion to be convened by Children's Social Care under Section 47**
5. **An Information Sharing and Safety Planning Meeting will be arranged within 24 working hours of notification**



6. **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>)
7. **If the case meets agency criteria for internal review follow local Policy (such as Datix Notification)**
8. **Police, CSI and Child Death Review Nurse complete joint home/scene visit: (07917 212791)**

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

**7 Day (9am-5pm) CDR Nurse on Call Team - 07971 212791**