# We need you!

Prompt notification of all child deaths is an important part of the process of the CDOP. If you become aware of a child death, please ensure you take the following action:

1 Go to [www.ecdop.co.uk/Harrow/Live/Public](https://www.ecdop.co.uk/Harrow/Live/Public)

2. Click on expected or unexpected – don’t worry this can be changed later

3. Complete the three sections

* Child details
* Details of the death
* Your contact details

**Every bit of information is crucial to this process!**

**Stillbirths**

We do not need to be notified of stillbirths

#  Useful Resources

Harrow Safeguarding Children Board

Tel: 020 8424 1370

[www.harrowlscb.co.uk](http://www.harrowlscb.co.uk)

London Safeguarding Board

Tel: 020 7934 9714

[www.londonscb.gov.uk/child\_death](http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/child_death)

# BEREAVEMENT CARE:

The Child Bereavement Charity

Tel: 01494 446648

[www.childbereavement.org.uk](http://www.childbereavement.org.uk)

The Child Death Helpline

Tel: 0800 282986

[www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk](http://www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk)

Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths

Tel: 020 7233 2090

[www.fsid.org.uk](http://www.fsid.org.uk)

The Lullaby Trust

020 7802 3200 General

0808 802 6868 Bereavement helpline

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk>

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Child Death Overview Panel

A GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONALS

Every child’s death is a tragedy.

This leaflet provides information about what Harrow Safeguarding Children Board is doing to devise preventative measures in order to reduce this tragic occurrence and safeguard the most vulnerable in our area.

# Every family has the right to have their child’s death properly investigated

Since April 2008, LSCB’s have had a statutory responsibility to review all deaths of children (0 days – 18 years old) normally resident in their area.

Since July 2008, Coroners must notify the LSCB of a child death if they decide to hold an inquest or to conduct a post mortem; and coroners may share information with the CDOP.

# Purpose of the CDOP

CDOP is a multi-agency review of all child deaths. It aims to:

* Establish trends and patterns in the causes of child deaths
* Learn lessons to improve the health of all children and prevent avoidable deaths

# **Membership**

The core membership of the CDOP is drawn from the key organisations represented on the LSCB:

* Chair of the Panel (currently the Director of Public Health)
* LSCB Business Manager
* Designated professional for unexpected deaths in childhood
* Child safeguarding leads from hospital/maternity unit(s)
* Paediatrician and /or Obstetrician and /or Neonatologist
* LA Children’s Social Care
* Police
* Parent voice - Lullaby Trust

# **Categories of childhood deaths**

* Expected deaths from natural causes
* Unexpected deaths from natural causes
* Unexpected deaths that remain unexplained
* Accidents
* Homicides
* Suicides

# **Child Death Review Process**