

## SANDWELL & DUDLEY CDOP NEWSLETTER

In response to new National Guidance, Working Together (2018), it was agreed to combine Sandwell and Dudley Child Death Overview Panel’s (CDOP’s). This newsletter gives an overview of findings from the meeting held on 25.07.2019.

### The work of CDOP

CDOP is a statutory requirement under Working Together 2018. The purpose of CDOP is to review the interventions leading up to and surrounding all child deaths and ensure that any potential learning from those deaths is implemented effectively by partners. The multi-agency panel members are senior representatives, all experts within their own fields, and have the ability to influence changes within their respective organisations. They have responsibility to ensure that the work of CDOP transpires throughout their agencies and information is shared with front line staff.

### Deaths since last meeting:

**Sandwell:** Since 20.06.2019, there has been 1 death reported and 4 stillbirths.

**Dudley:** Since 20.06.2019, there have been 2 unexpected deaths. One of these deaths meets the criteria for a Serious Case Review as safeguarding concerns were identified. 1 stillbirth was reported.

### Deaths Reviewed at this meeting:

4 Sandwell Deaths were reviewed at this meeting.

Modifiable Factors:

*Modifiable factors are those factors which may have contributed to the death of the child and which, by means of locally or nationally achievable interventions, could be modified to reduce the risk of future child deaths.*

Modifiable Factors Identified at this review:

- ◆ Referral pathways to CAMHS, particularly from GP’s need to be robust and effective



### Key Learning from Sandwell and Dudley CDOP

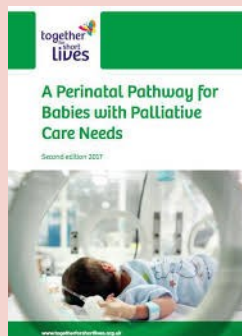
#### Consideration of antenatal Advanced Care Plans (ACP)

##### Advance Care Plan

A formal care plan that includes details about the baby’s condition, decisions made with their parents or carers (for example, about managing symptoms), and their wishes and ambitions. This plan is a core element of their palliative care.

Parents are sometimes cautious about allowing an advanced care plan to be written and applied, especially antenatally.

Health practitioners are asked to approach this subject with care and sensitivity at diagnosis to help palliative care pathways



The next joint meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 September 2019

At Saltwells Centre, Dudley

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