

## SANDWELL & DUDLEY (South) 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 10.09.2019.

### 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 25.07.2019, there has been 6 deaths reported and 2 stillbirths. One of these deaths was referred to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review.

**Dudley:** Since 25.07.2019, there have been 4 deaths and ??? stillbirths

### Deaths Reviewed at this meeting:

2 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:

- ◆ No modifiable factors were identified in any of the deaths reviewed



### Key Learning from Sandwell and Dudley (South) CDOP

Communication was identified as learning action points in each of the reviews; written and verbal.

*Agencies are asked to reflect on the ways in which they communicate with staff and parents to ensure consistency, sensitivity, clarity and accuracy.*



The next joint meeting will be held on Thursday 17 October 2019

At Saltwells Centre, Dudley

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