

Pan-Cheshire Joint Agency SUDIC Protocol; bereavement care etc. will take place within the relevant agencies.

4.3 Referral of Cases to Pan-Cheshire CDOP

The process relates to children resident in the Pan-Cheshire area. There are 3 strands to the child death review processes, depending on the nature of the death:

- Expected deaths; the family receives standard bereavement care, including where appropriate planned palliative care. The doctor issues a medical certificate of the cause of death and the death is registered with the Registrar. Information is collected from all agencies and submitted to the Pan-Cheshire CDOP who will then review the case in depth.
- Where the death is unexpected; the Pan-Cheshire Joint Agency SUDIC Guidelines and Pan-Cheshire CDOP Protocol process is followed to gather information and support the family. This process helps inform the Coroner for the Inquest; information is collated through the SUDIC strategy meetings and a report from this case discussion is submitted to the Pan-Cheshire CDOP.
- Where, at any stage, a child may have been or likely to be harmed, there will need to be an interagency child protection and / or criminal investigation led by the Police. The nature of the rapid response therefore changes. The subsequent investigation informs the Coroner's inquest.

4.4 Confidentiality and Information Sharing

Information discussed at the CDOP meetings will be anonymised prior to the meeting. However due to the nature of the cases, the potential involvement of the media and involvement of some Members of the CDOP panel in prior case discussions and meetings, individuals details may be known to those at the meeting.

All Members must adhere to strict guidelines on confidentiality and information sharing. Information is being shared in the public interest for the purposes set out in Working Together and is bound by legislation on data protection.

CDOP Members will all be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement before participating in the CDOP. Any ad-hoc or invited or Co-Opted Members and Observers will also be required to sign the Confidentiality Agreement. At each meeting of the CDOP all participants will be required to sign an Attendance Sheet, confirming that they have understood and signed the Confidentiality Agreement.

Any reports, minutes and recommendations arising from the CDOP will be fully anonymised and steps taken to ensure that no personal information can be identified. This information must not be shared with anyone without the agreement of the Pan-Cheshire CDOP Chair.

4.5 Accountability and Reporting Arrangements of Pan-Cheshire CDOP

Pan-Cheshire CDOP is accountable to the Chairs of the participating LSCBs. The Pan-Cheshire CDOP will be responsible for working to a Work Plan approved by the four Cheshire LSCBs. It will prepare a