Bury Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of the Report	Bury, Oldham and Rochdale Child Death Overview Annual Report		
Date	15/12/16		
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1. Executive Summary

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Is this report for?		Discussion	Decision
Why is this report being brought to the Board?	This report is to provide an update to board members on the progress in relation to the JSNA work programme		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities the report relates to. (See attached Strategy) Living_well_in_Bury_ Making_it_happen_to	Priority 1, 2 and 3		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment priorities the report relates to. (See attached JSNA) Bury JSNA - Final for HWBB 3.pdf			
Key Actions for the Health and Wellbeing Board to address – what action is needed from the Board and its members? Please state recommendations for action.	Note the report Endorse the ongoing work by the CDOP panel and wider partners to reduce child deaths		
What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this area?	None at this point as the report has been shared with all the appropriate boards		
Assurance and tracking process – Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG Board/other stakeholdersplease	This report has also been shared with the Bury Safeguarding Children's Board and the Children's Trust.		

provide details.

2. Introduction / Background

The child death review functions are compulsory for Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB). The areas of Bury, Oldham and Rochdale came together to establish a local multi-agency CDOP panel and a terms of reference was agreed. The aim of CDOP is to collate and analyse information about each child death with a view to identifying any matters of concern affecting the safety and welfare of children in the area and any wider public health or safety concerns arising from a particular death or pattern of deaths.

Each year a CDOP annual report is produced which provides a breakdown of all the information linked to the deaths along with a supportive narrative. This allows each Local children Safeguarding Board to reflect on the findings and ensure any required actions to help address relevant issues are taken forward.

3. key issues for the Board to Consider

In Bury, Oldham and Rochdale (BOR) in 2015/16, a total of 60 child deaths were notified and 74 cases were closed (17 of these closed cases were in Bury). This is a slight reduction in the total number of cases closed in 2014/15 (81) but numbers remain unchanged for Bury and Rochdale in isolation. At 3.28 per 10,000 population, Bury's notification rate of child deaths was lower than BOR (3.95 per 10,000) and Greater Manchester (GM) as a whole (3.96 per 10,000).

Within the closed cases in Bury, there was an over-representation of males at 65%, this was more than both BOR (55%) and GM (58%). In Bury 47% of the deaths closed by the CDOP were in children under the age of 12 months compared to 54% in BOR and 62% at GM. In Bury the largest proportion of cases, death occurred in the neonatal period (0-27 days).

In Bury the Black and Minority Ethnic populations (BME) are over-represented with death rates at 4.00 per 10,000 population, compared to the contrasting 1.71 per 10,000 for the White group. When examined by category of cause of death, BME groups represent the majority of cases assigned to the categories 'Chronic medical condition', 'Chromosomal / genetic / congenital' and 'Infection'.

Further analysis of individual cases would be required to attempt to determine any themes or relationships.

In both BOR and GM the vast majority of cases occur in the most deprived two quintiles (77% and 74% respectively). However, Bury does not follow the same pattern and the child deaths are spread more evenly though each of the quintiles with Bury having just 42% of deaths in quintile 1 and 2.

4. Recommendations for action

Note the contents of the report

Endorse the ongoing work of the CDOP panel.

5. Financial and legal implications (if any)
If necessary please see advice from the Council Monitoring Officer
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N/A

6. Equality/Diversity Implications

N/A

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