



Bury Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of the Report	Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report (2013/14)
Date	14 th May 2015
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1. Executive Summary

Is this report for?	Information <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Why is this report being brought to the Board?	The aggregated findings from all child deaths should inform local strategic planning, including the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, on how to best safeguard and promote welfare of children in the area (Working Together 2015)		
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 Please see report data relating to risk factors associated with premature birth, & low birth weight.		
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	Pregnancy and Early Years Safe sleeping messages, & risk factors identified in pregnancy.		
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.	Please see attached CDOP action plan		
What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this area?	The aggregated findings from all child deaths should inform local strategic planning, including the local Joint		

	Strategic Needs Assessment, on how to best safeguard and promote welfare of children in the area. Each CDOP should prepare an annual report of relevant information for the LSCB.
Assurance and tracking process – Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG Board/other stakeholders....please provide details.	BSCB 11 th March 2015

2. Introduction / Background

The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) functions in relation to child deaths are set out in Regulation 6 of the Local Safeguarding Children Boards Regulations 2006, made under section 14(2) of the Children Act 2004. The LSCB is responsible for:

a) collecting and analysing information about each death with a view to identifying -

(i) any case giving rise to the need for a review mentioned in regulation 5(1)(e);

(ii) any matters of concern affecting the safety and welfare of children in the area of the authority;

(iii) any wider public health or safety concerns arising from a particular death or from a pattern of deaths in that area; and

(b) putting in place procedures for ensuring that there is a coordinated response by the authority, their Board partners and other relevant persons to an unexpected death.

The LSCB is responsible for ensuring that a review of each death of a child normally resident in the LSCB's area is undertaken by a Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP). The purpose of a child death review is to help prevent further such child deaths.

One or more LSCBS can chose to share a CDOP. CDOPs responsible for reviewing child deaths from larger populations are better able to identify significant recurrent contributory factors.

The Child Death Overview Panel functions as a sub group of the LSCB and meets bi-monthly. Bury LSCB participates in a tripartite arrangement with the Rochdale and Oldham LSCBs.

The CDOP is currently chaired by the Oldham Director of Public Health.

3. key issues for the Board to Consider

Please see Point 1 Executive summary

4. Recommendations for action

Reviewing recommendations from previous years highlights the same emerging themes for 2013/2014 in relation to:

- the disproportionate number of deaths within the BME community
- co-ordinating a consistent safe sleeping message and
- consanguinity and the associated health risks

This year the Annual Report identified a link between consanguineous relationships and the disproportionate number of children with disabilities and child deaths within the BME community.

The CDOP produced the 2013/14 Action Plan which provides an update of work ongoing from 2012/2013. Many of these items will be carried forward to 2013/2014 and submitted to the 3 Local Safeguarding Children Boards.

5. Financial and legal implications (if any)

If necessary please see advice from the Council Monitoring Officer Jayne Hammond (J.M.Hammond@bury.gov.uk) or Section 151 Officer Steve Kenyon (S.Kenyon@bury.gov.uk).

6. Equality/Diversity Implications

See point 4

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