



### Programme Outline 1/2 Day Child Death Review Training

#### Aim

This 1/2 day training programme aims to provide participants with the knowledge and skills needed to run an effective Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) in accordance with the guidance in chapter 7 of *Working Together to Safeguard Children* (2006).

#### Target Audience

1. All core members of CDOP – (specific members will vary by locality). Mostly senior managers & senior practitioners.
2. Is likely to include Children's Social Care, Public Health, Paediatrics, Nursing, Hospital Services, Police, LSCB Chairs etc

It is envisaged that the training will involve a relatively small group of people who will be working together on the panel.

#### Learning Objectives

After completing this module, participants will be able to:

1. explain the purposes and processes of carrying out a review of all childhood deaths in a geographical area in accordance with Chapter 7 of *Working Together*;
2. collate and evaluate information on individual deaths to identify avoidable factors;
3. interpret local patterns of death in the light of up to date knowledge of causes and patterns of childhood death;
4. make recommendations for the prevention of childhood deaths;
5. take steps to further develop their team and processes for child death review

#### Teaching Methods

1. Previous attendance at training module A (When a Child Dies) or review of *Why Jason Died* DVD
2. Individual learning prior to attending (2 hours reading/ on-line learning resource)
3. The teaching will involve some brief presentations (including relevant video clips) to highlight key aspects
4. Most of the learning will be through group activities and discussion
5. There will be opportunities for ongoing learning and practice evaluation



## Programme (Core / Optional)

1	Prior individual learning – participants will be sent pre-course material 2-3 weeks in advance (also available on-line):  a) background reading on: patterns and causes of unexpected childhood death; reviewing childhood deaths b) review any local protocol and terms of reference for the CDOP c) Chapter 7 of Working Together	(1 hour)
2	Introduction – welcome Overview of the Child Death Review process (presentation and questions)	30 min
4	Group activity – Individual introductions, roles and contributions	30 min
5	Group activity – simulated child death review	1 hour
6	Process and next steps – guided discussion	1 hour

This gives 3 hours of learning time, so should be suitable for a half day training, with a coffee break part way through. Different elements of the programme could be extended to allow broader discussion, or to involve local contributors.

### Resources

1. Facilitators' notes
2. Background reading:
  - a. Patterns and causes of unexpected childhood death
  - b. Reviewing childhood deaths
3. Powerpoint presentation on overview of child death review processes plus facilitators' notes and handout
4. Group activity – individual roles and contributions – facilitators' notes
5. Group work – simulated child death review – handouts (case studies) and facilitators' notes
6. Handouts and facilitators' notes for guided discussion on process and next steps
7. Evaluation and feedback sheets