

CDOP Newsletter

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CDOP TRAINING DAY MARCH 2017

The CDOP multi-agency training day went ahead on 1st of March 2017 at Bracknell Open Learning Centre with 90 delegates attending. It was so successful we plan to make this an annual event.

Examples of feedback received from delegates:

“Peter Sidebotham was a very knowledgeable and engaging speaker”

“Excellent day, very informative”

“It was excellent, thought provoking – great to meet other professionals and work within multidisciplinary workers/teams.”

“Good use of scenario questions which were realistic”

Scenario papers to support learning in relation to the voice of the child and disguised compliance have been circulated to Local Authorities and the CCG. PowerPoint presentations from the day have been circulated and put up on the CDOP website.

As a result of the training day evaluation CDOP propose to carry out a series of thematic reviews in 2017/2018 as follows:

- ◆ Sepsis management/effectiveness of sepsis tools
- ◆ Knife crime as nationally there is a rise
- ◆ Children with life limiting conditions and deteriorating neurological conditions
- ◆ Home educated children as they can become invisible. Risk groups include children that come into the country from overseas and participating families that do not engage or demonstrate disguised compliance.



CDOP 2016 ANNUAL NEONATAL REVIEW

A small group of CDOP panel members carried out a Pan Berkshire neonatal review for the period 01/01/2016 – 2017 and 20 cases were reviewed and categorised.

It was agreed that this was a very effective way of reviewing neonatal cases where themes and trends were more easily identifiable. Learning has been shared locally with the following highlighted:

Feedback from parents via a GP suggested that it was not always clear as to where bereavement support was offered. Reflecting on difficulties experienced by parents moving around different hospitals, it was felt valuable to share the TVWNODN free app ([TVWNODN on the App Store - iTunes - Apple](#)) that has useful information about every hospital with a neonatal unit in Thames Valley and Wessex.

In 2 cases of preterm labour the mothers were seen with signs and symptoms of a UTI a few days prior to spontaneous labour. Neither case was treated. While this may not have been causative, it is recognised that infection can trigger preterm labour. **It is recommended to treat clinical UTIs in pregnancy.**

The majority of the category 8 (Perinatal/neonatal event) cases were antenatally diagnosed. However, parents were counselled and elected to continue with the pregnancy. They were in this respect expected deaths.



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Hot Weather and Falls

Very hot summer weather can be dangerous, especially for the very young or old or those with chronic health conditions. [For advice on how to reduce the risk for yourself or somebody you know please visit NHS Choices](#) or ring NHS 111. You can also visit your local pharmacy for advice.

Does hot weather result in more falls from windows?

Data from the USA demonstrate that falls from greater heights tend to cluster in the summer months, presumably because windows are more likely to be open and children are more likely to be playing on fire escapes, roofs, and balconies. A 2007 report from one hospital in Leicester, UK described six incidents which took place during the heatwave of 2006 in which children fell from open first or second floor windows, sustaining a range of injuries including skull fracture. In all cases windows had been left open to counter the heat.



Heatwave advice from PHE recommends keeping windows shut during the hottest part of the day to prevent rooms over-heating.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) recommends;

- Fitting child resistant window restrictors but make sure you can get out easily in an emergency
- Do not put anything under the window (chairs, boxes, toys etc.) that can be climbed on

TB Screening for New Entrants from High Risk Areas

CDOP recently reviewed the death of a young person who was born overseas in Nepal and had arrived in the UK undetected aged 17. He had complex medical needs and had not been notified to professionals. Nepal is a country where TB is a significant health problem and no test had been carried out.

He went on to die from a chronic medical condition. The panel concluded learning should be shared in relation to TB testing for migrants from high risk areas and children arriving in the country and no one knowing about them.

Tracy Langham — Respiratory and TB Team Leader from RBHFT—reports that their department regularly sends out information regarding TB and its prevention and have done talks to local GP's, other health professionals and community groups. Click on the link below to find out more about TB and the service Tracy and her team provide.

[Newsletter - TB.doc](#)

The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) started in 2008 and meets quarterly to review all child deaths and share lessons learnt to prevent further deaths. The panel consists of representatives from all six Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBS) in Berkshire; health, the police, South Central Ambulance Service, social care and the voluntary sector. We analyse all child deaths in Berkshire and make recommendations to prevent deaths in the future and include helpful tips to prevent child death. This is the fifteenth newsletter for frontline staff.

