

CDOP Newsletter

CDOP is a subgroup of the 6 LSCBs of Berkshire

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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 in Berkshire, i.e. health, the police, coroners, 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 tenth newsletter for frontline staff.

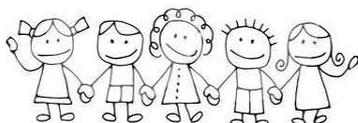
Water Safety — SCAS Advice

With the warm summer weather approaching, it is easy to forget that water hazards exist in a range of public places.

There are many risks and dangers associated with swimming in open water such as reservoirs, lakes, ponds and very cold water. Many of these dangers are not visible. Hidden currents including strength and speed; varying depths of water—shallow to very deep; steep slimy banks can quickly get you into trouble.

Tony Heselton, Paramedic and SCAS Safeguarding Lead, said “ We are

seeing an increase in call outs to children and young people getting into difficulty in open water. We would encourage members of the public to stay safe around open water. It is vitally important that people of all ages heed this advice and only swim in designated areas where there are the appropriate safety precautions such as life rings and other flotation devices should you get into difficulty.”



Do you have any ideas or suggestions for future issues of the Berkshire CDOP Newsletter? If so, we'd like to hear them, contact:

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Recognising Symptoms of Raised Intracranial Pressure

Be brain tumour aware — spot the signs and symptoms of brain tumours in children and young people using the information provided below. For further information on the organisation HeadSmart go to www.headsmart.org.uk

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| <p>Brain tumours happen... Symptoms include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Persistent / recurrent vomiting ⌘ Balance / co-ordination / walking problems ⌘ Abnormal eye movements ⌘ Behaviour change, particularly lethargy ⌘ Fits or seizures (not with a fever) ⌘ Abnormal head position such as wry neck, head tilt or stiff neck <p>If your child has one of these, see your doctor If two or more, ask for an "urgent referral"</p> | <p>Brain tumours happen... Symptoms include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Persistent / recurrent headache ⌘ Persistent / recurrent vomiting ⌘ Balance / co-ordination / walking problems ⌘ Abnormal eye movements ⌘ Blurred or double vision ⌘ Behaviour change ⌘ Fits or seizures ⌘ Abnormal head position such as wry neck, head tilt or stiff neck <p>If your child has one of these, see your doctor If two or more, ask for an "urgent referral"</p> | <p>Brain tumours happen... Symptoms include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Persistent / recurrent headache ⌘ Persistent / recurrent vomiting ⌘ Balance / co-ordination / walking problems ⌘ Abnormal eye movements ⌘ Blurred or double vision ⌘ Behaviour change ⌘ Fits or seizures ⌘ Delayed or arrested puberty, slow growth <p>If your child has one of these, see your doctor If two or more, ask for an "urgent referral" Especially if growth or puberty is slow</p> |

Safe Sleeping—Travel Cots



The Lullaby Trust recommends that to minimise the risk of SIDS babies should sleep on a firm, flat mattress that is clean and in a good condition, ideally new.

A mattress with a waterproof cover will help

parents to keep it clean and dry.

The same advice will apply to a conventional cot or a travel cot.

Further information and advice can be found on the Lullaby Trust website at: <http://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/>

The Vishaal Foundation are holding their 4th annual Little Angels Service of remembrance on Saturday 25th July at 10am in Slough Cemetery and Crematorium. The service is held to honour the memory of babies and children lost to miscarriage, neonatal death and other tragic causes. For further information on the free service or the support provided by the charity please contact Madhu Bedi on 07980 493314 or email littleangels03@hotmail.co.uk.

