

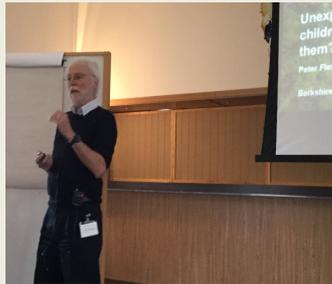
# CDOP Newsletter

CDOP is a subgroup of the 6 LSCBs of Berkshire

CDOP Training Day March 2018 | 4th Annual NNCDOP Conference | Increase in Child Death due to Pneumococcal Disease and Shared Learning

## CDOP TRAINING DAY—A SUCCESS!

The 2nd Pan Berkshire CDOP Training Day was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 in Reading with nearly 100 delegates from Berkshire attending.



It was a multi-agency training event for professionals to raise awareness and develop new skills building on the learning from child deaths.

The key note speaker was Professor Peter Fleming CBE, Professor of Infant Health and Developmental Physiology, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol; Paediatric Consultant, University Hospitals Bristol. Other speakers included professionals from SCAS (South Central Ambulance Service), the Police, Royal Berkshire Hospital and Children's Social Care as well as group work focusing on real cases.

Feedback from the training day was highly positive and will help strengthen the already successful CDOP in Berkshire and help further grow and develop the panel.



A full course evaluation will be carried out this quarter and shared.

“Enjoyed the day—very informative. Thank you.”

“Professor Fleming—fantastic! An inspiration to us all.”

“Another fascinating day. Well done Lorna and team.”

“The case studies drew what we'd heard from the speakers into sharper focus for me, very interesting table discussion”.

When asked for any suggestions for the next conference or guest lecture topics the following was noted:

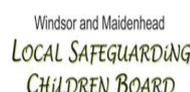
- Role of coroner/role of culture in child deaths
- Care of young people in transition
- Impact of child death on staff and what support could be offered
- A run down of the exact process that follows a child death including follow-up for the family
- Sexual violence and links to suicide/self-harm both of perpetrators and survivors
- Palliative care and end of life care pathway
- Highlight the difference CDOP's involvement has made in improving the lives of children and families

## 4th Annual National Network of Child Death Overview Panels Conference 23-24 May 2018 Birmingham

*Please note the date of the 4th National CDOP conference which now runs over 2 days. Places are available but limited.*

*Here is the link <http://www.nncdop.com/iv-annual-conference-programme/>*

*The provisional date for 2019's conference will be 13-14 March 2019.*



## INCREASE IN CHILD DEATH DUE TO PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE IN THE LAST YEAR - LEARNING FROM PAN BERKSHIRE CDOP

Since the introduction of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine onto the UK childhood immunisation programme, there has been a reduction in invasive pneumococcal disease.

Those that do occur are due to non-vaccine serotypes or in unvaccinated children.

In the last year the Pan Berkshire CDOP has reviewed three unexpected deaths due to invasive pneumococcal disease.

A child with a cochlear implants who died of pneumococcal meningitis and septicaemia. The child had received the enhanced PC13 and PPSV23 pneumococcal vaccines for at risk patients. The strain of bacteria that caused this child's invasive disease was not included in the vaccines at that time, although they are now – pneumococcal serotype was 15A.

A child who had a splenectomy as part of treatment for leukaemia, died of pneumococcal sepsis identified by PCR and serotype was not available. The child had not received the enhanced vaccine programme for at risk patients.

A young person with complex health needs died of Bronchopneumonia and Septicaemia - pneumococcal serotype 19F. This is covered in current 13-valent pneumococcal vaccine. The 13-valent pneumococcal vaccine was introduced in the routine immunisation schedule of the UK in April 2010 for children and 2, 4 and 13 months. A catch up programme was offered to all children up to 2 years of age. This young person was not included in that immunisation programme.

### Messages from CDOP:

Ear infections in children with cochlear implants should be treated with antibiotics.

It is important that 'at risk' groups receive the enhanced PC13 and PPSV23 vaccines.

Catch up pneumococcal vaccination PC13 should be offered to at risk groups who were too old to have been included in 2010 programme and should be considered for migrant children.

CDOP is escalating these three cases to Public Health England and asking them to consider the need for revaccination of 'at risk groups' when vaccines are updated by manufactures.

For more information on Pneumococcal infections please see NHS Choices website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pneumococcal-infections/>

