

CDOP Newsletter

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CDOP TRAINING DAY— KEEP THE DATE !!

Pan Berkshire CDOP is pleased to announce that there will be an all day training day on **Wednesday 7th of March 2018** at Pincents Manor Hotel, Calcot, Reading. **Please note the change of venue.** Pincents Manor is conveniently situated just off Junction 12 of the M4 (right next door to IKEA).

The aim of the day is to raise awareness and develop new skills around child death review.

Our keynote speaker is Peter Fleming. He is Professor of Infant Health and Development Physiology at Bristol Medical School.



He will be talking about "Unexpected and unexplained deaths in infants and young children: what do we know and what can we do to prevent them?"

Peter's research has included extensive studies of normal physiological development of infants and children, both in the laboratory and community setting and over the past 40 years and he has led several large-scale epidemiological studies of factors contributing to unexpected deaths in infants and children.

We are finalising how the day will run and will con-

firm the schedule of events nearer the time. There will be presentations given by frontline staff from SCAS and the Police with a particular focus on adolescents covering safeguarding young people taking part in risky behaviour. Colleagues from Social Care have been asked to share their experiences of best practice; lessons learnt from case review; audit outcomes and support for schools.

All agencies involved in this area are welcome to attend so please cascade to colleagues and to anyone else who you think might benefit. **There will be a small charge to include lunch, teas and coffees. There is an Early Bird rate of £25 per person if booked by 31/12/2017, and £30 per person if booked after 01/01/2018.**

Booking via Eventbrite details to follow soon.

ALL NEW CDOP WEBSITE

The CDOP website was relaunched last year and we think it is really accessible and much more user friendly.

It is used to provide information about CDOP and its processes including Rapid Response and to disseminate themes, trends and learning.

There is a section on the bereavement support that is available within the county for families and professionals. Please use this facility to assist our communities.

– here is the link <http://www.westberkslscb.org.uk/professionals-volunteers/cdop/>

THE OASIS STUDY/THE LULLABY TRUST

Although the numbers of babies dying as a result of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) has fallen considerably in recent years, SIDS remains the largest single group of infant deaths after the first weeks of life. Unexpected deaths of older children are very rare, and it is important that we learn as much as possible to try to understand how we may be able to help prevent such deaths in the future.



The Lullaby Trust is funding an innovative new study, led by eminent SIDS researcher Professor Peter Fleming at Bristol University, which could lead to identifying babies and young children at risk of sudden unexpected death by examining data from the newborn hearing screening test. The OASIS study is investigating the feasibility of using the hearing test recordings to identify infants at increased risk of unexpected death, either alone or in combination with other risk factors identifiable shortly after birth in most infants (e.g. maternal smoking, gestational age at birth). It is based on the findings of a smaller study conducted in the USA in 2007, which showed differences in the newborn hearing test results of babies who subsequently died of SIDS compared to babies who didn't.

If the results of the OASIS study prove conclusive, this could have potentially ground-breaking implications for prevention of SIDS and unexpected deaths of older children in the future by offering targeted advice and/or monitoring to higher-risk families. Prof Fleming's research team are in the final stages of recruiting families whose baby or young child died suddenly and unexpectedly, and have started to analyse hearing test data recordings. The project is due to finish in Spring 2018.

SAVE A LIFE WITH A NEW APP

A defibrillator or **AED** is a life-saving machine that delivers an electric shock to the heart which when used promptly, in the case of sudden cardiac arrest, can restart the heart. ...

The **UK** Resuscitation council estimates that there are around 30 000 cardiac arrests in the **UK** outside of hospital every year.

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) has launched a brand new App that is capable of telling anyone in the UK where their nearest automatic external defibrillator (AED) is, should they come across someone in cardiac arrest, and also guide them through how to carry out effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or chest compressions. Here is the [link](#)

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 sixteenth newsletter for frontline staff.

