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CDOP Newsletter

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SAFE SLEEPING CAMPAIGN

Promoting safe sleeping is an issue that needs on-going work to make sure that all families know how best to protect their child.



The re-search is clear on what

keeps babies safe while they are sleeping and this is being applied through a local and regional campaign due to take place this year funded by the Berkshire East and West CCGs.

It includes a focus on raising fathers' awareness about the risks of co-sleeping, including shared beds, and sofa sleeping.

Learning from Reading Festival 2017

During the Reading Festival in 2017 there was a spike of visits into A&E in relation to substance abuse and a child died. The issues have been explored in depth and Reading Festival organisers met with the Designated Professional for Child Death; senior Thames Valley Police officers, health professionals and Reading Borough Council officers.

A thorough response to the concerns raised at

that meeting in November 2017 followed and the organisers recommended an extensive list of changes in arrangements for the festival in 2018. This included mental health training for staff, clearer messaging and the provision of an enlarged medical facility on site.

It was agreed there should be more sharing of information with young people on how to keep themselves and their friends safe at the festival such as advice on water safety and risky behaviours.

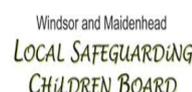
The festival organisers agreed to promote the app Get Your Coat <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.getyourcoat> and include the Save a Mate programme created by the Australian Red Cross – <https://www.redcross.org.au/about-us/how-we-help/save-a-mate> as part of their support for young people's health and wellbeing whilst at the festival.

A review of the 2018 festival will be featured in our next newsletter.

WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN 2018 is a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The Department of Education (DfE) has published new Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 guidance. Please see Chapter 5 for the section on Child Death Reviews: pages 94 – 102.

The main guidance document is available here: [Working together to safeguard children 2018](#)



Pan Berkshire CDOP Annual Report 2017/2018—Summary of Findings

The Pan Berkshire CDOP Annual Report for 2017/2018 is now available. See our website for the full report. <http://www.westberkslscb.org.uk/professionals-volunteers/cdop/>

ANNUAL REPORT

The CDOP Panel has had a busy year looking into 52 cases. It has improved its response time and set up new processes to investigate neonates.

Here is a summary of key findings for our CDOP during 2017-18:

- ◆ Antibiotics for ear infections in children with cochlear implants.
- ◆ Vaccination of 'at risk' groups with the PCV13 and PPV23 vaccines.
- ◆ Catch up pneumococcal vaccination for at risk groups who were too old to have been included in 2010 programme and new migrant children.
- ◆ The need to be aware that migrant families may not know about the services offered to children and young people with complex disabilities.
- ◆ The need to promote tuberculosis testing in families from countries where the disease is endemic.
- ◆ The need for ongoing promotion of Safer Sleep information including the risks of co-sleeping to families and for consideration of extending training to all professionals who have contact with families.
- ◆ Learning in relation to domestic abuse and chronic neglect, 'the voice of the child' and the challenge for all agencies in relation to a patterns of behaviours that intimidate where there is partial or disguised compliance.
- ◆ The need to continue to highlight to the public the risks of using a mobile phone whilst driving.
- ◆ The need for ongoing vigilance to identify patterns of deaths in groups of children.

For 2018/2019 we will be carrying out thematic reviews on the following:

- As children with life limiting conditions and deteriorating neurological conditions continues to be the largest group we review other than neonatal a 2 year audit of deaths in neuro-disability across Berkshire will be carried out by a local Community Paediatrician.
- Berkshire West (BW) CCG will lead a review of the Rapid Response joint home visit service model against the current profile of unexpected deaths in Berkshire.

