

Celebrate safely with family and friends this autumn

Both children and adults are injured every year in accidents involving candles or fireworks, and each year, over half of all firework injuries are suffered by children.

Over the past five years over 350 pre-school children, some only a year old, were treated in hospital for fireworks injuries. Stay safe and follow the safety codes.

Firework safety code

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and ensure it finishes before 11pm
2. Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time

3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework, using a torch if necessary
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
10. Make sure the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.



Bonfire safety code

1. One person should be responsible for the bonfire and children should be supervised
2. Choose a site away from wooden fences, sheds and where children will be playing
3. Never pour petrol, paraffin or meths on to a fire - it's safer to use fire lighters to prevent flare-ups
4. Keep a bucket of water handy in case of an accident
5. Avoid loose clothing and tie back long hair
6. After the party, pour water on the fire, rather than leaving it to burn out.

Reporting a child death via eCDOP

Since 1 April 2019 Pan Berkshire eCDOP has been live and all notifications of a child death must be made via this link which anyone can access

<https://www.ecdop.co.uk/panberkshire/live/Public>

Serious Case Review: Domestic Abuse

The death of a child by her father where domestic abuse was present in the family triggered a Serious Case Review (SCR) - [click here](#)

The areas of learning identified include the following:

- Sometimes very serious harm to children is not predictable
- Referrals and assessments should consider and record the dynamics of the domestic abuse as well as risks to children and ensure adequate support is subsequently provided
- Learning in relation to domestic abuse and chronic neglect, 'the voice of the child' and the challenge for all agencies in relation to patterns of behaviours that intimidate where there is partial or disguised compliance
- Agencies made aware of domestic abuse incidents should proactively

enquire about mother's (in this case) and children's safety

- Mothers and children are better protected and supported if midwives consistently use Routine Enquiry during pregnancy and the immediate postnatal period
- Entering a new relationship can be a risky time for families who have experienced domestic abuse even if the parents' relationship with the previous partner finished some time ago.



Useful resources

- www.berkshirewomensaid.org.uk Domestic abuse services Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell
- <https://thedashcharity.org.uk> Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead
- www.a2dominion.co.uk Domestic abuse services West Berkshire (Newbury) & Oxfordshire
- www.flagdv.org.uk Free legal advice for victims of domestic abuse
- www.safelives.org.uk Domestic abuse advice for professionals, information and resources
- www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/gender-violence/domestic-violence-and-abuse/ CAB
- www.hestia.org/brightsky and <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/bright-sky/id1105880511?mt=8> Bright Sky is a free to download mobile app, launched in partnership with the Vodafone Foundation, providing support and information to anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know.

Identifying and responding to suicide clusters: A practical resource

A cluster of suicides is a rare event, but when it happens it can affect more than families and friendship groups. The impact can be widespread. Any suicide is shattering, but a suicide cluster can cause distress in whole communities.

Public Health England via the National Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisory

Group have compiled a guide which provides a framework for action, together with some step-by-steps, which Local Authorities can adapt to their own needs, resources, and strengths complementing the work already taking place.

Link to the report: [click here](#)

Lift the Baby Campaign

Players from London Irish Rugby Club have teamed up with health chiefs to launch a major video campaign aimed at cutting baby deaths. The video is the result of a year long piece of work pioneered by Berkshire West CCG, East Berkshire CCG and a range of health partners.

Launched in London on Tuesday 25 June the video is called Lift the Baby and is aimed at promoting safer sleeping in younger babies. A special website has been developed in partnership with the Lullaby Trust and features a link to the video along with a range of safe sleeping advice - please share with your teams.

www.liftthebaby.org.uk



Arrangements for New Child Death Review 2019

In October 2018 new guidance from Government titled 'Child Death Review (CDR) Statutory and Operational Guidance' has set out the key features of a good review process when a child dies, combining both statutory requirements and best practice. Berkshire child death review partners, as directed by Working Together Transitional guidance, has been required to publish their arrangements to meet the October 2018 guidance expectations.

Please find below the link to the Pan Berkshire response: [New CDOP Arrangements - June 2019](#)