

## BACKGROUND

There is a statutory requirement to review the deaths of all children under the age of 18, regardless of gestation or whether the death was expected or not. The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) is a multiagency panel who complete these reviews. Cases are discussed anonymously with the aim of trying to prevent similar deaths and identify risk factors within the child, family and environment or service provision. Every death is categorised, and the panel decide whether there were any modifiable factors. Any themes, trends and areas of good practice are identified.

## FORMS FOR CDOP

This briefing is about how to complete reporting forms when you have been working with a child, and their family, who has died.

There is a statutory deadline of 3 weeks to return reporting forms to the CDOP team. You may have to do some research to find some information requested. Ensure that you are given time to complete it, raise this with your line manager if you need additional guidance or support.

## REPORTING FORMS

The B Reporting Form:

Form B – Reporting Form – this form is sent by CDOP to professionals who may have been working with the child and family for information gathering

You will receive a link to complete this form directly into your email inbox.

## SUPPORT AND USEFUL LINKS

<https://www.ecdop.co.uk/WestMercia/Live/Public>

[Frequently asked questions about the child death reporting form](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23gZsfwqYBw>

## How to complete Reporting Forms for the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)



## WHAT TO INCLUDE

The professional who knew the child best should complete the form where possible.

It is important to complete the form with as much information as possible to include:

- Information about the parents – to include father and siblings
- Parental mental health, smoking habits
- Maternal BMI
- Any safeguarding concerns – current or historic

## WHY IT MATTERS

Information received by CDOP is used to:

- Inform local campaigns, including safer sleep and ICON
- Inform system wide work on the prevention of child deaths
- Disseminate local and national learning to prevent future child deaths
- Provide evidence to services – for example, with regards to genetics testing

## WHAT TO INCLUDE CONTINUED

- Other agencies or teams the child may be referred to such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language or specialist centres – such as other hospitals
- Any concerns with parental engagement or missed appointments – with your service and other agencies, if known
- Any current treatment or diagnosis
- Anything else you feel may be relevant to the child – known to housing, food banks, finances etc

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