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To Cllr Ruth Moher and Dr Ethie Kong  
Health and Wellbeing Board in Brent

**Preventing Child Deaths – Linking: Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board  
(Child Death Overview Panel) and Brent Health and Wellbeing Board**

The Brent Child Death Overview Panel, a subgroup of the LSCB, wish to partner the 'Brent Health and Wellbeing Board' in reducing child deaths and morbidity in our Borough, especially in the cases that have been reviewed as 'preventable'.

At the Child Death Overview panel meeting held on 6 November 2013 we reviewed two such cases:

The first was a 14 year old boy who died by hanging in April 2012. The coroner gave a verdict of *suicide* at the inquest. The case was also the subject of a Serious Case Review (as per Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010) and is available on the LSCB website<sup>1</sup>. The panel have endorsed the recommendations of the coroner and of the SCR. The public health recommendation from the health action plan is that:

*Suicide prevention especially for teenagers should be part of the boroughs suicide prevention work that should be progressed by partner agencies, including health.*

The second was a 11 year old boy who was killed in a road traffic accident in 2008 on a busy motorway in Brent. The panel spoke about bringing back 'the green cross code' and requests that the Boards prioritise *accident prevention work in school age children, especially in children with special needs.*

We await feedback from the Board.



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<sup>1</sup> Brent SCR Child H:  
[http://www.brentlscb.org.uk/main/article.php?tag=serious\\_case&name=role&sector=Home](http://www.brentlscb.org.uk/main/article.php?tag=serious_case&name=role&sector=Home)