



Health and Wellbeing Board 5 October 2017

Report from the Director of Public Health and the Designated Doctor for Unexpected Child Deaths

Wards Affected:
ALL

Brent Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report – 01 April 2016 – 31 March 2017

1.0. Summary

- 1.1 This annual report is provided by the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) for the Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).
- 1.2 This is the ninth annual report. The CDOP reviews all child deaths of residents in the London Borough of Brent.
- 1.3 The CDOP is a subgroup of Brent LSCB as set out in Regulation six (SI No 2006/90) of the Children Act 2004. The Child Death review process is a statutory requirement as outlined in Chapter five of the Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015, (previously Chapter seven of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2006, reviewed in March 2010 and 2015). The Panel's terms of reference have been agreed and revised to include the latest guidance.
- 1.4 The process for management for unexpected child deaths is revised regularly and the current arrangements are published on the Brent LSCB website on the Child Death Overview Panel page.
- 1.5 This report was presented to the Brent LSCB in June 2017.
- 1.6 The report analyses Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infancy since the commencement of the CDOP process in 2008. The importance of safe sleeping practices is highlighted.
- 1.7 A total of 26 deaths were notified to CDOP. A total of 30 deaths were reviewed, seven of which were aged under one month.
- 1.8 No deaths were referred for serious reviews.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the 2016/17 CDOP report.
- 2.2 Partners are asked to consider how they can contribute the promotion of messages about safe sleeping and accident prevention.

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications.

4.0 Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications.

5.0 Equality Implications

- 5.1 There are no equality implications.

6.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications

- 6.1 There are no staffing/accommodation implications.

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