Brent NHS West and North London	**Brent Health and Wellbeing Board** 9 November 2026
	Report from Independent Chair of the Child Death Overview panel

North West London Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	OPEN
List of Appendices:	Appendix 1 – NWL Child Death Panel Annual Report
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Executive Summary

1.1 The rate of child and infant mortality in Nort West London has fallen by 9.7% since 2019.

1.2 The fall is not evenly distributed across the age range of children or the categories of death. Peri natal cases (children less than 28 days old) and chromosomal impacted deaths now account for 57% of NWL CDOP cases – this has risen from 44% four years ago.

1.3 25 cases involving Brent children were reviewed in 2025-2026. Up from 23 in the previous year.

1.4 Child deaths are not evenly spread across the population and some small communities have higher numbers than others. The link with deprivation is complicated , but may be real. However there are pockets of child death that may lead to further local analysis and action.

1.5 NWL analysis has identified a number of issues that apply across all eight boroughs of NWL.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 To note the NWL CDOP report

2.2 To see to what extent local specific action can be undertaken to combat future child death.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

3.1.1 The NWL CDOP report helps understand issues that haver an impact on the council priorities of

- Best Start in Life and
- Healthier Brent.

3.2 Background

3.2.1 There is a rich seam of data collected over a number of years which , if interrogated ,could enable Brent Partners to further contribute to the reduction in child mortality across the ICB footprint by tackling those issues and locations identified in the NWL that are susceptible to local action.

4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

4.1 None

5.0 Financial Considerations

5.1 None.

6.0 Legal Considerations

6.1 None.

7.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

7.1 Child mortality is not evenly spread across communities and locations evenly. The CDOP annual report identifies where differences lie. Local responses to those differences will further reduce child mortality.

8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

8.1 Not applicable.

9.0 Human Resources/Property Considerations (if appropriate)

9.1 Not applicable.

10.0 Communication Considerations

10.1 To be determined by Brent officers.