

REPORT FOR: Harrow Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting: 7 September 2017

Subject: **INFORMATION REPORT** – Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report 2016

Responsible Officer: Dr Andrew Howe,
Director of Public Health

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: CDOP Annual Report 2016

Section 1 – Summary

This report looks at the findings of the CDOP panel meetings in 2016.

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) is currently a subcommittee of the Local Children's safeguarding board. The panel reviews every child death in Harrow with the intention of categorising them and learning lessons which may prevent further child deaths. In 2016 the panel met 4 times and reviewed 26 cases. The cases will include those of deaths occurring in late 2015 and will exclude some of the deaths occurring in late 2016 due to the time it takes to gather all of the data.

The numbers are too small to make any assessment of trends. Learning points have included the management of asthma and epilepsy in school aged children.

There are likely to be changes in the next year as a result of the Wood Report. This will result in CDOPs covering a larger area and being responsible to the Department of Health rather than the Department for Education and Skills.

Section 3 – Further Information

None

Section 4 Financial Implications

Although the CDOP is a subcommittee of the LSCB, the administration of the panel has, following the introduction of the Health and Social Care Act in 2013 been funded (and managed) through the Public Health ring-fenced grant rather than from the LSCB budget.

The publication of the Wood review of local safeguarding children boards during 2016, included recommendations regarding CDOPs. In particular, that panels should be hosted within the NHS, supported by the Department of Health. The government agreed to put in place arrangements to transfer national oversight of CDOPs from the Department for Education to the Department of Health while embedding the focus on learning within child protection agencies.

It is not yet known whether these changes, both to the area covered by CDOP and the change of responsibility from LSCB to Health will affect future funding requirements, which are currently assumed to remain within the grant. Any changes to future funding will need to be considered in the context of the overall council financial budget setting process.

Section 5 - Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No but report covers age and ethnicity.

Section 6 – Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

This report concerns the deaths of children and young people. It therefore contributes to the council priorities

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for families

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Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 7 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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