

# Child Death Review Programme Information for Parents/ Carers



The death of a child is a tragedy, and the loss has devastating and life-changing effects on parents, siblings, grandparents and the wider family and community. It is important that these deaths are reviewed so that we can learn from them to try and prevent future deaths.

The Child Death Review Programme (CDRP) for Wales sits within Public Health Wales and is run by a small team. We collect information about all deaths of children in Wales or Welsh children whose deaths occur outside of Wales up to the age of eighteen. The programme receives information from professionals such as police, health agencies and schools.

## Why is the information about my child's death important?

The information is used to review what happened and to see what can be learnt to prevent the same thing happening to another child or young person. We do not look at who might be at fault or who is to blame. We focus on improvements for the future.

## What information does the Programme collect?

The information held on the database includes personal details about your child such as name, address, date of birth, medical history, information concerning their birth (if relevant) and events leading to their death. It may also include personal details such as name, address, medical history of people known to your child such as parents/siblings, if the information is relevant to your child's circumstances.

## What is done with this information?

Although we receive information and review every child death in Wales, we do not report on or investigate individual children or on anything that may identify a child.

We use the information to:

- Describe the **patterns and causes of deaths** including any trends
- Identify opportunities for **prevention of future child deaths**
- **Identify avoidable factors** that may be contributing to child deaths in Wales
- Share the findings to **inform action**.

**Reports are available on our website.**

## Where is the information stored?

The information on the database about your child is secure and highly confidential. Only a small team have access to identifiable information. We make sure that we comply with the confidentiality and security policy of Public Health Wales and with the principles of the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. Any release of information is subject to strict information governance guidelines.

We hope everyone will want information relating to their child to be included to help us prevent the same thing happening to another child or young person, however we can remove your/your child's details if you wish.

If families and carers want particular information to be included they can contact us.

## For more information

For more information on how Public Health Wales processes personal data, please see the organisation's privacy notice which can be found here:

[phw.nhs.wales/use-of-site/privacy-notice](http://phw.nhs.wales/use-of-site/privacy-notice)

### If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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