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NCMD

National Child Mortality Database

**Our impact in
2023**

2023 was an exceptional year for the National Child Mortality Database (NCMD).

Now in our third year of sharing findings and analysis, we ramped up our engagement in the policy space and ensured our findings were heard in Parliament. Here's what we did.

Collecting data

It's a statutory requirement that every child death in England be reported to the NCMD within 48 hours and reviewed in detail, so the data we hold is both timely and comprehensive.

In 2023 we developed existing data linkages with UKHSA to make them more comprehensive, as well as developing new links with

“The public are appalled when they hear this data. Getting these headlines out and sharing ideas for how we tackle this is key.”
Camilla Kingdon, RCPCH President

OPSS and the Department for Education.

We also provided ICB-level reporting for the first time, and made a range of improvements to our data collection forms.

Sharing learning

In 2023 we shared learning from the unique data we hold in a range of publications (see infographic overleaf).

We also worked to put this data in the public eye, sharing findings via *BBC News*, *The Guardian*, *The Independent* and more. Coverage of our work in the media reached a

Kwasi Kwarteng leads first-ever parliamentary debate on SUDIC



NCMD's Vicky Sleep leads training for child death review professionals



total estimated audience of 42m people in 2023.

Changing practice

This year, for the first time, we ran a series of in-person training events across England for child death review professionals. 95% of attendees told us that the sessions made them more confident in their role. 80% gave the session on poverty the highest possible rating.

Our digital training course on the Joint Agency Response to sudden and unexpected

death was accessed more than 700 times, and we presented findings from our work at more than 20 conferences and events through the year.

Changing policy

Building on a strong record through 2022, 2023 was a standout year for our participation in policy change.

Through the year we contributed to three APPGs, and our report on SUDIC directly led to the first ever parliamentary debate on this issue. Our work has been directly referenced by MPs in Parliament at least 10 times.



4 Academic papers



2 Thematic reports



1 Data release



1 Report

59k



Website views

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