

NCMD

National Child Mortality Database

Knowledge, understanding and
learning to improve young lives

Spring Update – March 2024

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Tuesday 19th March 2024

11.30am to 12.45pm

****Presentation will start at 11.35am to allow participants time to join****

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What will this webinar cover?

- Product alerts
- APPG on Temporary Accommodation
- NCMD updates
- System updates
- Reporting updates
- Current activity
- Questions



Product alerts

There are two broad ways we can help with alerts related to products:

1. Product design and relevant standards.
2. Information for families and awareness raising

Key questions to ask during the JAR:

1. Was the product bought new or was it second-hand / received from a friend or family member?
2. What year was the product purchased?
3. Where was it purchased?



Current alerts work

1. Lack of dosage counters on asthma inhalers
2. Baby carriers
3. Baby bath seats
4. Handle design of Moses baskets
5. Statutory requirement for inter-linked fire alarms
6. VP shunt complications



Work with APPG on Temporary Accommodation

Background

- Contributed analysis in 2022 showing 34 child deaths in temporary accommodation 2019-22
- These results discussed in Parliament through 2023 and widely covered in the media
- Enhanced reporting on temporary accommodation from October 2023
- March 2023 Amnesty short starring Olivia Colman calling for change



Work with APPG on Temporary Accommodation

- In February, the government updated the Homelessness Code of Guidance to include cots for children under 2 in temporary accommodation.
- In March, updated analysis shows 55 deaths in temporary accommodation. This was widely covered in the media, including in an exclusive feature from ITV.

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NCMD Update

- Work is continuing on our two thematic reports for this year, learning disability & autism and asthma & anaphylaxis
- Beginning the topic selection process for the next round of thematic reports
- If you have suggestions for topics you'd like to see as thematic reports, please email us at ncmd-programme@bristol.ac.uk
- NCMD team will be presenting at the [RCPCH conference](#) in Birmingham (25-27 March) come and see us at our stand
- Analysis of the survey responses to the NCMD consanguinity guidance is underway and the results will be shared in our [consanguinity webinar](#) on 23rd April – sign up to attend on our website
- Publication of [NCMD Impact Report 2023](#)
- Publication in the Lancet of paper on [Surge of lower respiratory tract Group A streptococcal infections in England in winter 2022](#)
- Publication in JAMA Open of paper on [Race and ethnicity, deprivation and infant mortality in England 2019-2022](#)



Updates to Statutory Forms

Due to be released early April 2024

Notification form

- Removal of COVID-19 questions

Reporting form

- What was the child's immunisation status at the time of death?
- For deaths that occurred abroad; Did the family take out travel insurance before they travelled?
- Did any of the parents/carers have a learning disability or difficulty? **and** Were any of the parents/carers neurodivergent?



Updates to Statutory Forms

Analysis form

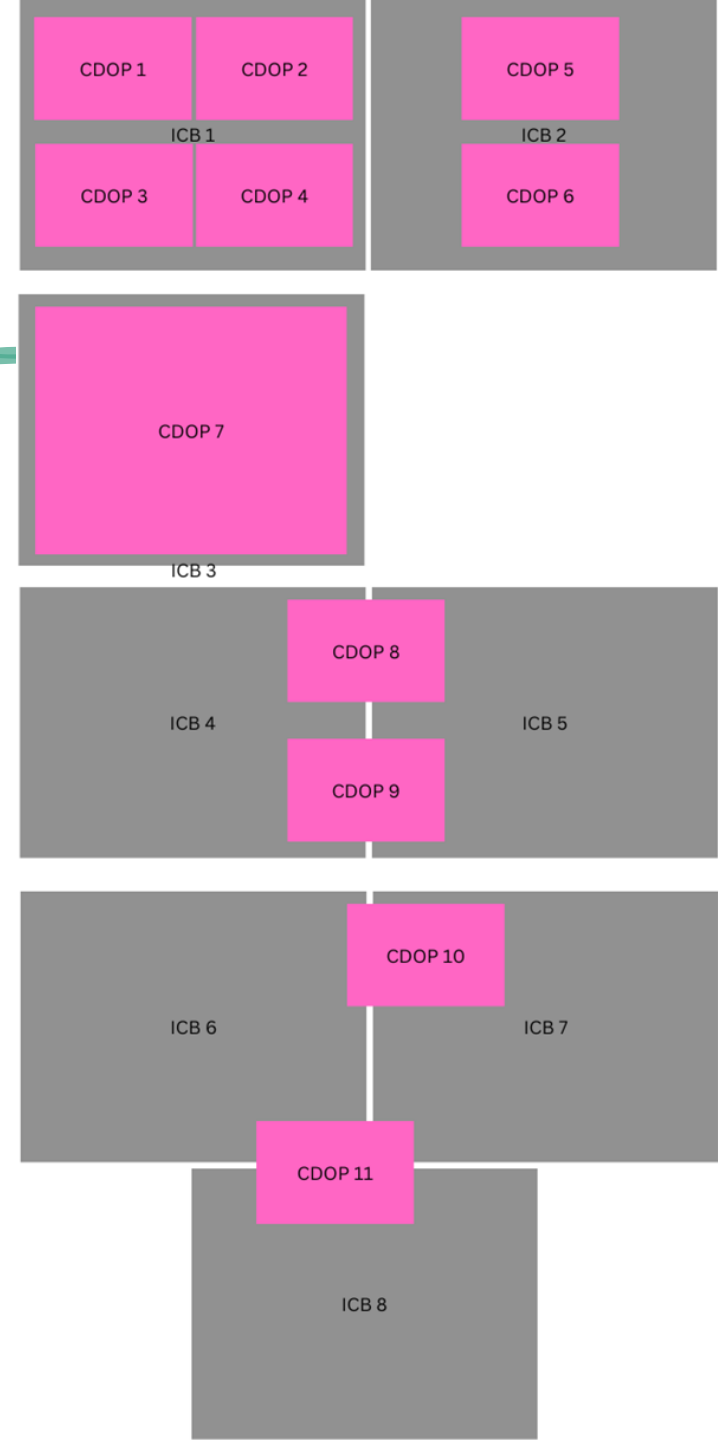
- Was there an inquest? If yes, please specify the inquest verdict
- Did the Coroner issue a Prevention of Future Deaths (Reg 28) report in relation to this death?

CDR data release 2023-24

- Notifications and Reviews up to 31 March 2024
- Please ensure cases are up to date on your system by **25 April 2024**
- For ***deaths reviewed*** by your CDOP between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, please complete the Notification, Reporting, Supplementary Reporting and Analysis forms, and '**Save as Final**'
- For ***deaths where the review is ongoing*** (i.e. deaths not reviewed as at 31 March 2024), please ensure that you fully complete and finalise the Notification form.
- Expected publication around November 2024

Reporting

- Continue to develop quarterly reports
- Oversight of the numbers of deaths that occurred within a CDOP area
- Which Trusts sit under each CDOP?



Ongoing and upcoming work

- Discussions with QES on how eCDOP can accommodate review of non-resident deaths
- Update of "When a Child Dies" leaflet
- NCMD Safety Engagement and Training Programme



NCMD Safety Engagement and Training Programme

- Newborn and infant safety messages are now frequently arising from the NCMD reports and outputs that are pertinent to health professionals (HP) and Early Years (EY) workers, particularly GPs, Midwives, Health Visitors and staff working in Children's Centres.
- There is a consensus that these messages not reaching target audiences.

To address this issue, the NCMD programme Safety Engagement & Training Programme will aim to disseminate information and messages using the following routes:

1. Utilise existing communication pathways for safety alerts via UCLP, AFC, Lullaby Trust, SANDS and Child Bereavement UK.
2. NCMD *Skills Drills* videos incorporating an overview of the key messages from NCMD reports and alerts will be produced. The videos will be trialled with a small number of maternity units, with the intention of eventually circulating to all maternity units in England. The programme will progress to include additional groups of health and social care professionals.
3. Direct engagement with relevant professional organisations such as the RCM and RCPCH.

First working group meeting Friday 15th March.



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