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Most common modifiable factors identified by CDOPs in reviews for children aged under 1 year

Based on child death reviews (England) completed in the 3 years between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2026

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High maternal BMI



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Parent/carer smoked cigarettes/tobacco



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Smoking cigarettes/tobacco in pregnancy



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Guideline/policy/ pathway available but not followed



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Unsafe sleeping arrangements



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Issue with treatment, including delays



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Co-sleeping



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Parent/carer known for substance misuse



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Poor communication/ information sharing between agencies



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Issue in diagnosis



Further information on what these categories cover can be found in the contributory factors guidance.

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Most common modifiable factors identified by CDOPs in reviews of children aged 1 - 17 years

Based on child death reviews (England) completed in the 3 years between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2026

1 Poor communication/ information sharing between agencies



2 Issue with treatment, including delays



3 Service uncommissioned/ unfunded/unavailable



4 Acute/sudden onset illness



5 Lack of recognition of deteriorating child/clinical signs



6 Lack of appropriate supervision



7 Parent/carer smoked cigarettes/tobacco



8 Issue in diagnosis



9 Guideline/policy/ pathway available but not followed



10 Behaviour that put the child at risk



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