Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City Child Death Review Arrangements

The child death review process covers children; a child is defined in the Children Act 1989 as a person under 18 years of age. A child death review must be carried out for all children regardless of the cause of death.

The responsibility for ensuring child death reviews are carried out is held by **'child death review partners,'** who, in relation to a local authority area in England, are defined as the local authority for that area and any clinical commissioning groups operating in the local authority area as set out in the Children Act 2004 (the Act), as amended by the Children and Social Work Act 2017.

The revised statutory guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children" July 2018 states

"Child death review partners should publicise information on the arrangements for child death reviews in their area. This should include who the accountable officials are (the local authority chief executive and the accountable officer of the clinical commissioning group), which local authority and clinical commissioning group partners are involved, what geographical area is covered and who the designated doctor for child deaths is."

In Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City the 'child death review partners' (from herein referred to as 'the partners') are:

- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottingham City Council
- NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group

The accountable officials are

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Anthony May, Chief Executive
- Nottingham City Council – Mel Barrett, Chief Executive
- NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group - Rosa Waddingham, Chief Nurse - Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System and CCG
- NHS Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group - Nicola Ryan, Acting Chief Nurse and Executive Lead for Quality and Safety

Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City have a combined Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) which will provide the structural framework to review child deaths. CDOP will review all deaths of children normally resident in the local area and, where it is considered appropriate, any non-resident child who has died in their area.

The geographical and population 'footprint' covers a child population such that CDOP will typically review at least 60 child deaths per year. It also takes into account networks of NHS care, and agency and organisational boundaries in order to reflect the integrated care and social networks of the area.

The purpose of a review and/or analysis is to identify any matters relating to the death, or deaths, that are relevant to the welfare of children in the area or to public health and safety, and to consider whether action should be taken in relation to any matters identified. The panel are responsible for the identification of modifiable factors and what recommendations are required to prevent future deaths Where 'the partners' find action should be taken by a person or organisation; they will inform them.

In addition, 'the partners' will at such times as they consider appropriate, prepare and publish reports on:

- What they have done as a result of the child death review arrangements in their area, and
- How effective the arrangements have been in practice;

'The partners' may request information from a person or organisation for the purposes of enabling or assisting the review and/or analysis process - the person or organisation **must** comply with the request, and if they do not, 'the partners' will consider legal action to seek enforcement.

'The Partners' have established 3 designated doctor posts for child deaths

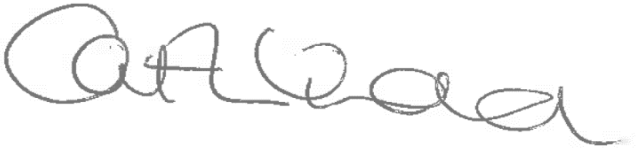
- Dr Dilip Nathan – Nottingham University Hospitals Trust
- Dr Helena Clements - Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Dr Michael Hayes and Dr Suhail Habib (joint post) - Doncaster & Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

They are each supported by Lead Nurse roles.

Governance for the child death review arrangements will be via reporting to the Joint Strategic Leadership Group of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Signatories

Anthony May, Chief Executive
Nottinghamshire County Council
Date: 1st September 2021



Catherine Underwood, Corporate Director for People on behalf of Mel Barrett, Chief Executive Nottingham City Council
Date: 1st September 2021

Rosa Waddingham, Chief Nurse
NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS and Clinical Commissioning Group
Date: 7th January 2022

Nicola Ryan, Acting Chief Nurse and Executive Lead for Quality and Safety
NHS Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group
Date: 1st September 2021