**CDOP Briefing Paper 10: July 2017**

This paper captures points of interest that have arisen via communications from within the National CDOP Network since our last CDOP meeting in July 2017:

**Sharing Good Practice Event (Sussex, Surrey and Kent) – 1 November 2017 -Update**

We have received the following update from Emily Welch at Surrey CDOP regarding the forthcoming Sharing Good Practice Event in November.

*“ Following the Save the Date for the learning event scheduled for* ***1st November 2017,*** *apologies that the registration link for booking onto the event was not made available in August 2017 as originally stated. We hope that this will be available soon. A flyer for the event and details for the day will be circulated at this same time.*

*As stated on the Save the Date we are looking to have a session where each individual CDOP feeds back on* ***key learning and good practice*** *within their own area. We have scheduled approx.* ***12 minutes for each panel*** *and would ask for any power point presentations to be sent to me by Friday 6th October 2017 at the latest. Please do let me know if you have any comments or queries regarding this.  I have also had a request for our individual CDOP Annual Reports to be shared, where possible, with Susan Koffler-Sluijter, Regional lead for the South East; National Child and Maternal Health Intelligence to allow her to have an overview and understanding of the key issues in each CDOP area. Susan will be presenting the ‘Reducing child mortality in the South East report’ which I have previously circulated. Susan is aware that these reports are confidential. I welcome any comments on this request and I am also liaising with the Surrey Safeguarding Children Board and our IG Lead for agreement on whether our report can be shared for the purposes of the event”*

**National investigation into suicide in children and young people– University of Manchester**

West Sussex CDOPs participated in this Investigation in 2016 and The University of Manchester have recently been granted an extension on their original study. As a result we have been contacted again to inform us of the extended study period and to request if we could forward any Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) analysis proformas (Form Cs) in cases where the CDOP has reviewed the death of a young person whose death was categorised as suicide in the period December 2015 to March 2017. 2 x Form Cs have now been submitted for the extended study (CDOP 1215 and CDOP 0416).

**National CDOP Conference for 2018 – February 2018**

The National CDOP Conference for 2018 will run over two days on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February 2018** at the Tally Ho Conference Centre in Birmingham. Places can be booked via the NNCDOP website (not yet available) and the NNCDOP Executive are exploring the possibility of securing hotel accommodation at discounted rates for delegates. They will send out another email when they have further information.

In the meantime they would be grateful for any comments from colleagues about what you would like to see on the agenda.  Our Patron Baroness Kennedy will be attending as well as Dr Jackie Cornish, the NHS England lead in the migration of the child death review process from the DfE to the DofH.

The Pan Sussex CDOP Officer, Maggie Pugh, has recently joined the NNCDOP Executive as the representative for the South East.  The next meeting of the NNCDOP Executive is planned for 27 September 2017.

**Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill [HL] 2017-19**

A bill to strengthen policy around children who are home educated has had its first reading in Parliament.  It will have its second reading in the House of Lords later this year. Click on the link for more information <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/homeeducationdutyoflocalauthorities.html>

 **Research Papers published – Factors related to SIDS**

Two research papers have been published in the last month by Dr Anna Pease (Peter Fleming's PhD student). They are *“Factors Influencing Maternal Decision Making”* and *“Mothers knowledge and attitudes to SIDS”*. Both papers have been sent out with this briefing paper to members of the Panel but a copy can also be obtained by emailing Maggie Pugh at maggie.pugh@eastsussex.gcsx.gov.uk

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