

Why children die: a pilot study and beyond

CEMACH regional report launch
Thursday 16 October 2008



CEMACH conference

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Overview

The purpose of the day is to present the findings of a confidential enquiry into child deaths in Northern Ireland, Wales and three regions of England during 2006. An overview of all the deaths will be provided along with an analysis of avoidable factors identified in detailed panel reviews of a sample of the deaths. The study is the first of its kind and will produce recommendations for children, their carers and the institutions which exist to help them be healthy and stay safe.

This event launches the first publication of a report entitled *Why children die* and will initiate the dissemination of key recommendations for health professionals involved in this area of care, as well as local Safeguarding children boards. The conference will provide an opportunity to hear how this is to be taken forward on a regional basis in Northern Ireland.

Who should attend?

- All health and social care professionals involved in the care of children
- Specialists in public health care medicine
- Education providers
- Training specialists in these areas
- Commissioners and managers of services
- Service planners and providers
- Researchers in child health
- Risk and clinical governance managers
- Those involved in implementation of *Working together to safeguard children* and development of Safeguarding children boards

Conference programme

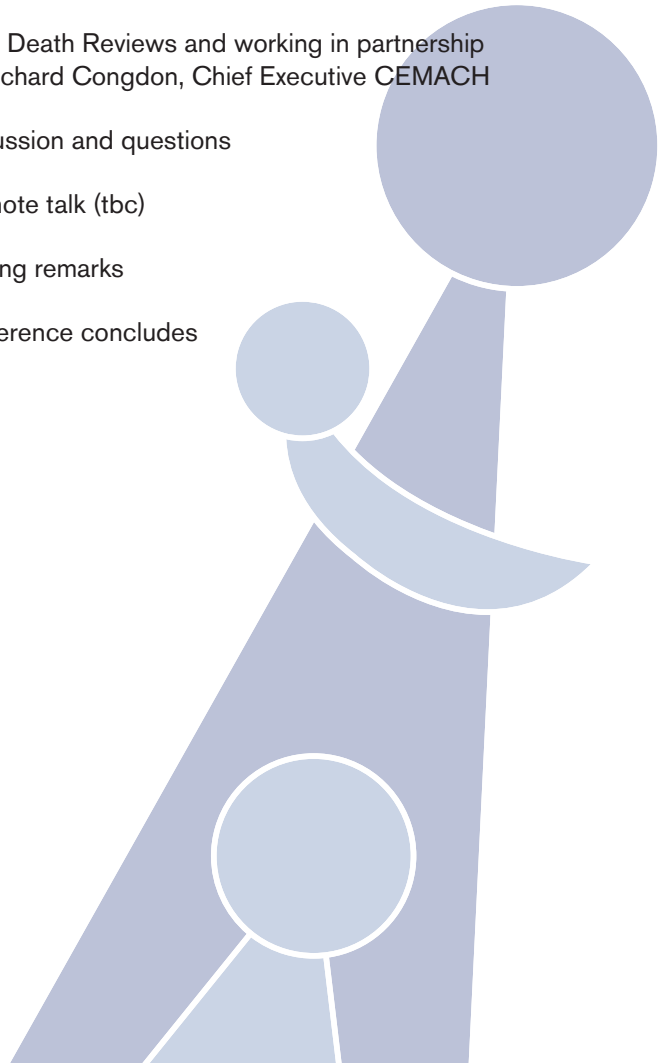
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Morning session

- 9.15am Registration and refreshments
- 10.00am Welcome and introduction
Chair
- 10.05am VIP opening address
- 10.15am Why children die
Dr Gale Pearson, Clinical Director, Child health enquiry
Followed by discussion
- 11.00am Coffee and morning refreshments
- 11.30am Primary care - Dr Anthony Harnden,
University Lecturer in General Practice, Oxford University
- 12.00pm Key messages
Members of the Regional CEMACH Child Death Review Panel
1. Recognition of serious illness in children
Mr S O'Reilly Consultant in Accident and Emergency
Medicine, Craigavon Area Hospital
 2. Child advocacy and coordination of care
Mrs Deirdre McGonagle, Health Visitor and CONI
Coordinator, Western Health and Social Care Trust
 3. Complexity of death in children
Dr Claire Thornton, Consultant Paediatric Pathologist,
Royal Hospitals, Belfast
 4. Panel dynamics
Dr Moira Stewart, Clinical Lead for the Child Death
Review in Northern Ireland
- Followed by discussion
- 1.00pm Lunch

Afternoon session

- 2.00pm Introduction to the afternoon session
Chair
- 2.05pm The safeguarding board for Northern Ireland
Mr Martin Quinn, Social Services Officer, Department of Health,
Social Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland
- 2.40pm Child Death Reviews and working in partnership
Mr Richard Congdon, Chief Executive CEMACH
- 3.00pm Discussion and questions
- 3.20pm Key note talk (tbc)
- 3.50pm Closing remarks
- 4.00pm Conference concludes



Venue

The King's Hall Conference Centre, Belfast

Date and time

9.15am–4.00pm, Thursday 16 October 2008

Cost

£75

Conference fees include admission to the conference, all refreshments, lunch, and conference documentation.

Booking

Places are limited at this conference so early booking is highly recommended.

Booking forms are also available to download or submit online from the events/training section of the Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland website at: www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk

Certificates of attendance and conference evaluation

Certificates of attendance will be provided and available on the day of the conference. At the end of the conference, you will be asked to complete an evaluation form. We welcome your comments and suggestions and would ask that you take the time to complete these details and return them to us.

Access map and venue location details

The conference is at The King's Hall Conference Centre, Belfast. Car parking is available on site. For an access map to the venue and key travel information, please see www.kingshall.co.uk

The closing date for applications is 2 October 2008.

