This form is used in the child death review process to gather detailed information about children who die as the result of violence or maltreatment. Its primary purpose is to enable CDOP to review all children's deaths in this category in their area in order to understand patterns and factors contributing to children's deaths. Please complete those questions on which you hold information. If you do not have information for a particular item, please tick “Not known”.

Information on this form will be shared with other professionals for the purposes of the child death review process. All professionals are entitled to share this information without contravening laws on data protection. All information gathered will be stored securely and statutory safeguards (s251) are in place to allow the legal transfer, storage, analysis of identifiable data.

The child death review meeting should be held, even if other processes including Section 47 enquiries or family court or criminal proceedings are ongoing, though the timing of the meeting will need to be agreed by all agencies. When Section 47 enquiries, family court and/or criminal proceedings are being considered or are ongoing there may need to be some restriction of the information available to the child death review meeting. However, the opportunity provided by the child death review meeting for information sharing and planning of future care for the family and others affected by the death is important and only in exceptional circumstances should this meeting not be held.

Similarly, the CDOP should discuss all such deaths, but full information may not be available until after the completion of legal or other proceedings as noted above.

**Identifying details** **- to be removed for the purposes of anonymisation prior to discussion at the CDOP:**

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| Name |  | Date of birth(dd/mm/yyyy) |  / /  |
| URN |  | Date and time of death | Date: / / Time: **:** (24hr) |
| Postcode |  |

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| Which sub-category does this child’s death fall into? Please choose from the following options: | ☐ Homicide☐ Neglect☐ Deaths from war, terrorism or other mass violence☐ Unclear☐ Not known |
| Were any of the following historic risk factors present in this case? *(Tick* ***ALL*** *that apply)* | ☐ Previous atypical hospital visit☐ Prior or unusual or unexplained illnesses (e.g. ALTE, apnoea, cyanosis)☐ Child on a child protection plan (currently or  previously)☐ Child known to social services / children’s social  care☐ Sibling on a child protection plan (currently or  previously) ☐ Previous sibling died (of any cause, whether known or unknown) ☐ Evidence of previous neglect☐ Evidence of previous physical abuse☐ Excessive crying of child☐ Child has a pre-existing medical condition☐ Child over 1 year old☐ Child has a disability (e.g. learning /  physical/sensory)☐ Child socially withdrawn☐ Child over 9 months who has shown a steep  decline in performance☐ Other *(please specify)* |
| Were any of the following risk factors identified in relation to the events surrounding the death? *(Tick* ***ALL*** *that apply)* | ☐ Child dead longer than stated (e.g. signs of rigor  mortis, fixed livedo)☐ Atypical bruises e.g. location in relation to age of child, NAI e.g. bite marks, burns, petechiae)☐ Blood on face (not pink frothy mucus which is  commonly seen)☐ Signs of neglect (e.g. growth / hygiene)☐ Foreign body in upper airway☐ Possible signs of abusive head injury at post-mortem (e.g. subdural haemorrhage, retinal  haemorrhage, encephalopathy)☐ Drugs present in the child (e.g. in hair sample)☐ Fractures (new or healing)☐ Other *(please specify)* |
| Were any of the following risk factors identified in relation to the child’s parent/carer? *(Tick* ***ALL*** *that apply)* | ☐ History of violence to children☐ Inconsistent or conflicting accounts☐ Mental health issues (e.g. depression, anxiety  disorders, psychotic disorders)☐ History of alcohol abuse☐ History of drug abuse☐ History of domestic abuse☐ Criminal record☐ Suicide attempt☐ Comments made (verbal/text/written) (e.g. admissions)☐ Parental learning disability☐ Requested help or assistance☐ Persistently missing appointments (e.g. health visitor / immunisations)☐ Cruelty to animals☐ History of arson☐ Received and acted on advice? (e.g. Lullaby  Trust/NSPCC on sleeping, colic, parental stress,  don’t shake, CONI (Care of the Next Infant))☐ Home environment: presence of drugs, alcohol,  domestic abuse, mental ill health☐ Family/ household dynamics: interaction between  parties e.g. parents and with others☐ Stressors (e.g. financial debt, separation, illness)☐ Economic /Neighbourhood factors: (e.g. poverty,  housing stress, social isolation, lack of informal  support)☐ Other *(please specify)* |
| Was there any evidence of any intent to kill or harm the child? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No |
| Was there any apparent attempt to conceal or hide the circumstances of the child’s death? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Was there any evidence of neglect pre-dating the fatal incident? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Was there any evidence of physical abuse/inflicted injury pre-dating the fatal incident? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Was there any evidence of fabricated or induced illness? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| What was the method of homicide? | ☐ Strangulation, asphyxiation or drowning☐ Shooting☐ Sharp instrument☐ Hitting or kicking☐ Blunt instrument☐ Explosion (e.g. terrorism)☐ Fire☐ Poisoning (specify type)☐ Shaking / Shaking Impact☐ Other *(please specify)* |
| For cases of neglect, what was the method of death? | ☐ Abandonment/exposure☐ Starvation☐ Failure to access appropriate healthcare☐ Other *(please specify)* |
| For cases of neglect, what was the mode of death? | ☐ Malnutrition☐ Dehydration☐ Multi-organ failure☐ Cold or heat exposure☐ Other *(please specify)* |
| For suspected abusive head trauma what were the features that led to a conclusion of abusive head trauma? *(Tick* ***ALL*** *that apply)* | ☐ Sub-arachnoid haemorrhage☐ Retinal haemorrhage☐ Encephalopathy☐ Bony injuries☐ Bruising☐ History☐ Other *(please specify)* |
| How many alleged perpetrators were involved in this incident? |  |
| Relationship of alleged perpetrator(s) to child: *(tick* ***ALL*** *that apply)* | ☐ Biological Mother☐ Biological Father☐ Mother’s Partner (not biological father)☐ Father’s Partner (not biological mother) ☐ Other family member *(please specify)*☐ Unrelated but known to the child ☐ Stranger☐ No perpetrator identified☐ Not known |
| Age of alleged perpetrator(s): |  |
| Were the alleged perpetrator(s) using drugs and/or alcohol at the time of the incident? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Were the alleged perpetrator(s) known to police for drug or alcohol related offences? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Were the alleged perpetrator(s) known to the police for any other offences? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Were the alleged perpetrator(s) known to be violent? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Were the alleged perpetrator(s) known to mental health services? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Were the alleged perpetrator(s) known to adult or children’s social services? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Were there any other possible victims? If yes, describe their relationship to the index child: | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Did the alleged perpetrator take/attempt to take their own life? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Was the incident related to gang violence? | ☐ Yes *(please give details)*☐ No☐ Not known |
| Was there a criminal trial? | ☐ Yes☐ No☐ Not known |
| If **yes**, what was the nature of the conviction? *(Tick* ***ALL*** *that apply)* | ☐ No conviction☐ Case not yet concluded☐ Murder☐ Manslaughter☐ Infanticide☐ Causing or allowing the death or serious harm of a child☐ Causing or allowing the death or serious harm  of a vulnerable adult (could include children  16-17)☐ Child destruction☐ Administering drugs / using instruments to  procure an abortion/miscarriage☐ Unlawfully exposing/abandoning child under 2 years where life is endangered☐ Concealing a birth☐ Preventing lawful burial - concealing a corpse - disposal or destruction of a dead body☐ Maliciously administering poison or noxious  substance so as to endanger life☐ Other *(please specify)* |
| Did this case come to the Family Court (usually if there are other siblings)?  | ☐ Yes☐ No☐ Not known |
| If **yes**, was this a Finding of Fact hearing? | ☐ Yes☐ No☐ Not known |
| If **yes**, what was the outcome: | ☐ Answer:☐ Outcome not yet known |