

Child Death Reviews Figure 1. Flowchart Of Responsibilities

Ambulance Service

Attempt Resuscitation
Observations at scene and
initial history.
Inform Police

The paramount consideration is to do all possible to promote the health and welfare of the child

Lead Paediatrician

Agree handover of responsibility
Review medical records

Police

Call Ambulance
Grade 1 deployment
Preserve scene
Notify Lead Investigator
Notify CPU Supervisor

Child (and family) transferred to Accident and Emergency Dept

Accident and Emergency Dept

Continue Resuscitation Contact on call Paediatrician Allocate staff to support family

Child confirmed dead

Responsible Paediatrician / Police Investigating Officer

Share information and plan response
Notifications / Information gathering
Care of the family
Scene preservation / examination
Notify Lead Paediatrician
Obtain History
Body examination, samples and x-rays
Forman Identification

Primary Health Care

Attempt Resuscitation Contact Ambulance Inform Police

If a confirmed death is suspicious no further action should be taken until a Police SIO is consulted

Social Care

Records Check: Family Support Plan Child Protection Plan LAC Plan Assessments

Child Protection Strategy Meeting?

Lead Paediatrician / Police

Home Visit (Complete history taking / Scene examination / Family Care)
Brief / debrief Pathologist

Police / Coroner's Officer

Arrange post mortem examination

Open Inquest

Post Mortem Examination

Information Sharing and Planning Meeting

Share information
Plan family support / investigation
Consider Child Protection issues
Identify Serious Case Review criteria
Complete LSCBN Data Set

Case Review Meeting

Review circumstances of death / response / investigation / family support
Complete LSCBN Data set and Assessment of Contributory Factors
if further action required (including plans for communicating outcome to family /
Child Protection / Serious Case Review / future pregnancies)
Report to HM Coroner and LSCBN Child Death Review Committee

At all times, including in cases of suspicious death, consider the impact of your actions on the family of the child