

NCMD

National Child Mortality Database

Knowledge, understanding and
learning to improve young lives

NCMD JAR Training Workbook

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This introductory course is aimed at those who are new to the processes of responding to and reviewing childhood deaths and those who manage and administer these processes. The programme will cover the principles and process of the joint agency response (JAR) for sudden unexpected deaths in childhood (SUDIC) and the principles and functioning of Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPs).

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will be familiar with the national procedures for responding to sudden, unexpected child deaths and the role of different professionals within that response.
2. Participants will be able to contribute effectively to the review of child deaths in their locality and will understand how to address the needs of the family.

Notes.

- The activities in this workbook are for your own reflection and do not need to be shared.
- Guidance on completing the analysis forms can be found in the webinar sections on the NCMD Learning Platform and on the NCMD website.
- To obtain a certificate of completion please complete the separate **NCMD JAR Training Assessment form** and return it to childhealth@UCLPartners.com

The videos are 10-15 minutes long and have been designed to be watched in several short sessions.

Suggested sequence for the videos and activities.

1. **An Introduction to SUDIC Joint Agency Response training.**
2. **An overview of the CDR Process.**
3. **The importance of multi-agency working.**
4. **Learning from fatal child maltreatment and the role of the police at a SUDIC.**
5. **The role of the paediatrician in a SUDIC.**
6. **An overview of the Joint Agency Response.**
7. **The role of the Coroner in SUDIC investigation and JAR.**
8. **The role of the Paediatric Pathologist in SUDIC.**
9. **The child death review meeting.**
10. **A family's experience of SUDIC.**

Complete activity 1:

Recognising JAR acronyms and terminology.

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SUDI/C

JAR

CDOP

CDR

CDRM

Complete activity 2: What is the child death review process?

Complete activity 3: Why is multiagency working important, and how can this be achieved?

Complete activity 4: What is the role of the police, and the role of the lead investigator in SUDIC?

Complete Activity 5: What is the role of the paediatrician at SUDIC?

Complete Activity 6: What are the main components of the joint agency response to an unexpected child death and why is each aspect important?

Complete Activity 7: What are the key principles for early documentation of events.

Activity 8: Why are coroners often involved in deaths of infants?

Activity 9: Paediatric Pathologists role in SUDIC

Who should be involved and when? Please tick the correct answer for each job role

	Never	'Non Suspicious' cases	Accidents where cause is easily identified, such as road traffic accidents and shootings.	'Suspicious' deaths, apparently overt child abuse
General Histopathologist				
Paediatric/ perinatal pathologist alone				
Forensic pathologist alone				
Paediatric/perinatal and forensic pathologist jointly				

Activity 10: What are the aims of the CDRM?

Activity 11: When should the CDRM take place?

Activity 12: Please visit [Professionals | Sands - Saving babies' lives. Supporting bereaved families.](#) for further information on how to provide support to families experiencing SUDIC.

Please also access NCM 2021 webinar- the role of the key worker for further information regarding how to provide support to families.

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