



6 Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults procedures

6.7 Death of a child on-site

Identifying

- If it is suspected that a child has died in the setting, emergency resuscitation will be given to the child by a qualified First Aider until the ambulance arrives.
- Only a medical practitioner can confirm a child has died.

Informing

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead ensures emergency services have been contacted, Ambulance and Police (and other emergency services as necessary).
- The parents/carers are contacted and asked to come to the setting immediately, informing them that there has been an incident involving their child and that an ambulance has been called, asking them to come straight to the setting or hospital as appropriate.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead calls the Trustees and informs them of what has happened.
- The Trustees are contacted and 6.1b Confidential Safeguarding Incident Report form prepared by the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- A member of staff is delegated to phone all other children in attendance parents/carers to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Trustees, and the exact same information given to each parent/carer.
- The decision on how long the setting will remain closed will be based on Police advice.
- Ofsted are informed of the incident by the nominated person and a RIDDOR report is made.
- Staff will not discuss the death of a child with the Press or any other person not directly connected with the incident.

Responding

- The Trustees will decide how the death is investigated within the organisation after taking advice from relevant agencies.
- The Trustees will coordinate support for staff and children to ensure their mental health and well-being.