



Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults Procedures

6.07 Death of a child on-site Procedure

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 or designated officer ensures emergency services have been contacted; ambulance and police.
- The parents 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 deputy designated safeguarding lead calls the designated safeguarding lead/officer and informs them of what has happened if they are not on the premises.
- Confidential safeguarding incident report form is completed by the designated safeguarding lead and designated officer.
- A member of staff is delegated to phone all parents to collect their children. The reason given must be agreed by the designated safeguarding lead/officer and the information given should be the same to each parent.
- 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.

Responding

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

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