



After your child has died

Staff who knew your child will try to understand what happened. They will look at the care and support your child had.



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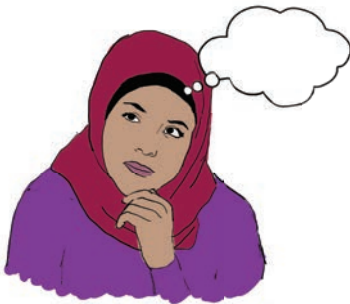


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About this booklet



We are very sorry that your child has died. We know this is a really hard time for you and your family.



You might have some questions about what has happened.

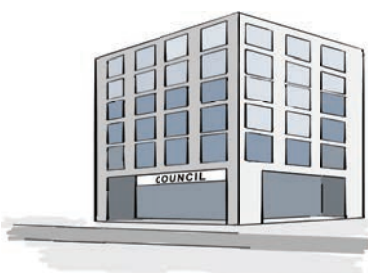


The staff who knew your child will try to find out why your child died.



This might be people who work at:

- The hospital



- The local council



- The police



- School



- Other people who knew your child.



They will also look at what happened and how they can make care better.



This booklet tells you what will happen and what you can expect.

About your key contact



You will be contacted by a **key contact**.

This is someone who can give you advice and support. Or they can show you where to find it.



You should be given your key contact's phone number or email address.



You can get in touch with your key contact with any questions you have.



You could write the name of your key contact here and how to contact them.

More help and support you can get



Lots of families feel very sad when a child dies.



There are lots of charities and support services that can help.



We have a list of useful charities and support services at the end of this booklet.



Your key contact can also tell you about charities and support services in your local area.

About a review



When a child dies, some of the staff involved in your child's care will do a **review**.

A **review** is when staff look at why your child died.



The review will try to help everyone understand what happened.



They look at the care and support your child got through their whole life. They check to see if your child got the right care for them.



We have a booklet with more information about the review called **Supporting families and carers in Scotland with the child death review process**.

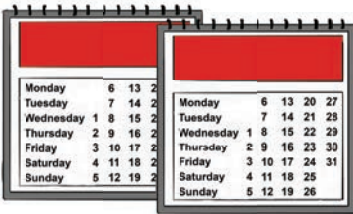


You might have been given this booklet in an envelope. You can read it when you feel ready.



If you are not given the booklet you can ask your key contact for it.

What happens in the review



The review happens in the weeks and months after your child died. But sometimes it can take much longer.



It is done by a review team that is made up of staff involved in your child's care.

The review team will:



- Try to understand what happened and why your child died.



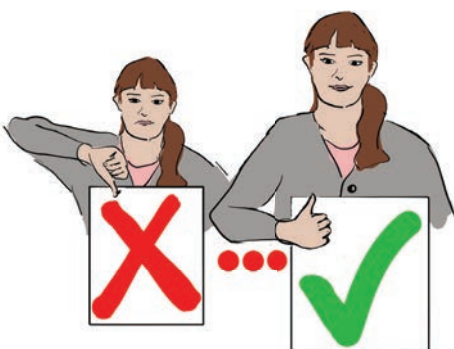
- Talk to staff who looked after or supported your child.



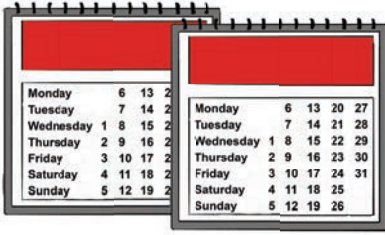
- Look at the care and support your child got.



- Try to answer any questions you have.



- Look at what changes staff can make, to make care better.



It can take weeks, months or longer to get all the information for the review.



When the review team has got all of the right information, they will have a meeting.



Your key contact is the main person you can talk to about your child's review.

They will keep in touch with you about what is happening.



Having your say

It is really important that your voice is heard.



You should be able to ask any questions and share your feelings with the review team.

You might have questions about things like:



- Your child's care.



- If it was hard to get the right care or support for your child.



- How staff shared information with you.



- If you were involved in decisions about your child's care.



- The care your child got at the end of their life and when they died.



Your key contact will ask you if you have any questions you would like the review team to answer.



You can write down any questions you have in this box.



After the review meeting

After the review meeting, your key contact will get in touch with you.



They will let you know:

- What was said at the review meeting

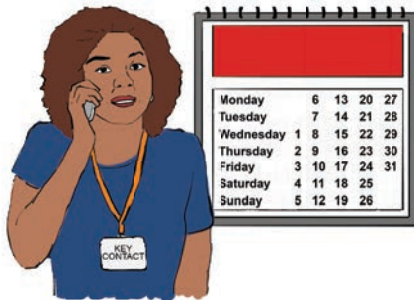
and



- Any answers they have to your questions.



You might want to meet with the doctors or other staff who cared for or supported your child.



Your key contact can help to arrange this for you.



You can get in touch with your key contact with any questions about:

- Your child.
- Your child's care and support.
- Help that you and your family can get.

Places you can get more support



mygov.scot

This is a website that has a list of organisations who can support you if a child or baby dies.



Go to this webpage to see the list:

www.mygov.scot/child-baby-death



This website also has list of organisations who can support children or young people affected by a child's death.



Go to this webpage to see the list:

www.mygov.scot/child-bereavement



AtaLoss

Support for anyone affected by the death of a child.

Website: www.ataloss.org



So we can use this easy read in Scotland it was changed by the National Hub for reviewing and learning from the deaths of children and young people