

Death of a looked after child

Local Authority actions:

- Notify the Care Inspectorate of the death within 24 hours using [DLC1](#)
- If the child or young person was receiving support from a registered care service at the time of death, the service also has a duty to notify the Care Inspectorate
- Liaise with CPC/Chief Officers Group/NHS Board child death review group to agree the review approach
- Notify the Care Inspectorate of the intention to carry out a review using the learning review [eform](#)
- We anticipate that in most cases, the review should be conducted as a learning review, and the timescales for completion should follow learning review guidance
- On completion of a learning review, submit the report to the Care Inspectorate
- A copy of the death certificate should be forwarded to the Care Inspectorate as soon as it is available
- Complete the core review dataset and submit to the National Hub
- **NB:** If the death is reviewed through a process other than a learning review, there is no current requirement to submit the report to the Care Inspectorate. However, in this situation, the local authority duty to submit a report under Regulation 6 still applies.

Care Inspectorate actions:

- On receipt of a notification of a death, inform Scottish Government
- On receipt of a completed report, identify areas of local learning/national interest
- In consultation with the area link inspector, provide feedback to the local authority/partnership
- Report annually on the findings of the deaths of looked after children (in conjunction with the National Hub)

Death of a young person receiving continuing care or aftercare provision

Local Authority actions:

- Notify the Care Inspectorate of the death as soon as is reasonably practicable using [DAC1](#) or [DCC1](#)
- If the young person was receiving support from a registered care service at the time of death, the service also has a duty to notify the Care Inspectorate
- Liaise with CPC/Chief Officers Group/NHS Board child death review group to agree the review approach
- Notify the Care Inspectorate of the intention to carry out a review using the learning review [eform](#)
- We anticipate that in most cases, the review should be conducted as a learning review, and the timescales for completion should follow learning review guidance
- On completion of a learning review, submit the report to the Care Inspectorate
- Complete the core review dataset and submit to the National Hub
- **NB:** If the death is reviewed through a process other than a learning review, there is no current requirement to submit the report to the Care Inspectorate

Care Inspectorate actions:

- Inform Scottish Government
- On receipt of a completed learning review report, identify areas of local learning/national interest
- In consultation with the area link inspector, provide feedback to the partnership
- Report annually on the findings of deaths of young people in continuing care/aftercare (in conjunction with the National Hub)

National Hub actions:

- Receive NRS weekly data reports and distribute to NHS Boards/Local Authorities
 - Receive quarterly progress reports from NHS Boards/Local Authorities
- Analyse and theme data for national reporting, learning and recommendations for change