

National Child Mortality Database FAQs

What is the National Child Mortality Database?

The National Child Mortality Database (NCMD) will collect information about all children in England who die before their 18th birthday.

Which organisations are responsible for the NCMD?

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) are commissioning this programme of work on behalf of NHS England. The NCMD programme and its associated workstreams are being led by the University of Bristol, in collaboration with University of Oxford, UCLPartners and QES. Key stakeholders, including representation from bereaved parents, will contribute to developing the core dataset, metrics and meaningful reporting.

What is the aim of this work?

The NCMD will drive improvement in the quality of health and social care for children in England to help reduce potentially avoidable deaths. It will collect a minimum dataset from the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) reviews of all child deaths in England. The collection, analysis and public reporting of information from all child deaths across England will facilitate learning to reduce preventable child mortality.

What will this project deliver?

The database has funding for 4 years from April 2018. In the first year we will develop the NCMD in consultation with our stakeholders (professionals, CDOP members, charities working in the field of child death and bereaved parents, carers and families).

Key milestones are:

Year 1: Develop and pilot the IT systems required to support data capture and create the central database structure

Year 2: Commence national data collection and publish the outcomes from the pilot

Year 3: Annual and Thematic Reports

Year 4: Annual and Thematic Reports

Where can I find out more about this project?

Information will be available on a dedicated webpage for the project soon. We will develop FAQs specific to each stakeholder group, including information on the technical options for submission of data to the NCMD by CDOPs, and these will be available on the website and will be updated throughout the life of the project.

Who can I contact for more information?

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