

**Appendix 2: Confidentiality Statement<sup>1</sup>**

This statement must be signed when a Panel member joins the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP). It must also be signed by all Panel members at each meeting of the CDOP.

The purpose of the CDOP is to conduct a thorough review of all preventable child deaths in the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) area in order to better understand how and why children die and to take action to prevent other deaths.

In order to assure a coordinated response that fully addresses all systematic concerns surrounding child deaths, all relevant data should be shared and reviewed by the team, as permitted within the stipulations of the Data Protection Act, including historical information concerning the deceased child, his or her family, and the circumstances surrounding the death. Much of this information is protected from public disclosure.

The BSCB procedures for *Rapid Response* and for *Child Death Overview Panels*, and the BSCB protocols for child death review, stipulate that in no case will any CDOP member disclose any information pertaining to any individual case outside the meeting other than pursuant to the mandated agency responsibilities of that individual. Any information obtained or recommendations or decisions made by the CDOP shall be treated as confidential by the undersigned.

Public statements about the general purpose of the child death review process may be made as long as they are not identified with any specific case. Any information obtained, or recommendations or decisions made by the CDOP, shall be kept in a place of special security.

Panel members who receive information but do not attend the meeting undertake to confidentially destroy or securely return all papers to the Panel.

The undersigned agrees to abide by the terms of this confidentiality policy.

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<sup>1</sup> This Child Death Overview Panel Confidentiality Statement was designed by University of Warwick