

## Care Pathway for Children & Young People Bereaved by Sudden Traumatic Death

Police called to home/incident  
Complete Coroners Form Gen 18 Sudden Death form and ascertain if deceased has children and if any children/young people were present at the time

Vulnerable Child Form (VC) completed by police

Police email VC form to MASH

MASH to screen.  
Is it a child death?

No

Yes

Safeguarding:  
Rapid Response  
Process

Was the child/young person at the scene /did they witness the death?  
Are they traumatised?

No

For children of school age MASH to notify  
GP and 0-19 Health Professional,  
School/College & EPS

Yes

Is the child known to Childrens Social Care,  
Early Help or has an existing Early Help  
Assessment?

Yes

No

If under 5, MASH to notify  
GP & 0-19 Health  
Professional, EPS & Early  
Years setting if appropriate

MASH advise Lead  
Worker to refer to  
CAMHS as an urgent  
referral & notify  
school/college, EPS

MASH to refer to CAMHS as  
an urgent referral and  
continue with screening  
process, notifying  
school/college & EPS

CAMHS to offer the child/young person an  
appointment within 24-48 hours if the following are  
present: increased levels of anxiety, an inability to  
regulate emotions.  
CAMHS inform safeguarding lead at  
school/college/early years settings and GP.

If symptoms are not present and / or family  
do not accept appointment, give them CAMHS  
Single Point of Access telephone number  
304808 to ring if circumstances change

Refer family to 'Help is at Hand'  
<http://supportaftersuicide.org.uk/support-guides/help-is-at-hand/>  
Leave family with CAMHS advice line number  
304808

Advise school/college/early years settings to  
contact Rotherham Educational Psychology  
(EPS) Service for support:  
[EPS@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:EPS@rotherham.gov.uk)

In addition:  
Winstons Wish  
Helpline Freephone 08088 020 021  
<http://www.winstonswish.org.uk>

National CRUSE  
Helpline Freephone 0808 808 1677  
<http://www.cruse.org.uk/children>  
<http://hopeagain.org.uk/>

Samaritans: 116 123

If symptoms change for the child/young person a  
professional involved with families to ring CAMHS Single Point  
of Access telephone number 304808.