

DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CYMRC DATABASE?

Information from parents, whānau and friends can help with finding ways to reduce future deaths.

If you feel you would like to add information about events, services or systems surrounding the death of a child, you can complete a confidential 'Parent, Family or Friend Report'. Go to the Commission's website (www.hqsc.govt.nz), click on the CYMRC section and go to 'Information for Parents and Families'.

You can put your information directly into the form on the website, or complete a paper form by clicking on 'PDF version of the form' to print it out, fill it in and post it to the address given on the form.

Or you can telephone (04) 901 6060 and ask the Mortality Review Secretariat at the Commission for a copy of the 'Parent, Family or Friend Report' form.

All the information gathered as part of a CYMRC review is confidential and protected by law. You cannot ask for any information held by the CYMRC, and no-one can ask the CYMRC for the information you provide.

The CYMRC does release public reports but no personal information is included in these reports.

COMPLAINTS

CYMRC is a 'no blame' review process and does not deal with individual complaints.

If you do wish to make a complaint about any events that occurred before or after a death, you can contact the Chief Executive Officer or manager of the organisation concerned.

For health-related issues, the Health and Disability Commissioner can be contacted on www.hdc.org.nz/complaints or freephone 0800 11 22 33.



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THE CHILD AND YOUTH MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

TE RŌPŪ ANAU MATE O TE HUNGA TAMARIKI, TAIOHI

Information about Child and Youth Mortality Review

The Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee extends its deepest sympathy to all parents, family and whānau whose children or young people have died.

THE CHILD AND YOUTH MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee (CYMRC) aims to reduce child and youth deaths. Members of the CYMRC are appointed by the Health Quality & Safety Commission (the Commission) because of their knowledge and experience of working with children, young people and their families. The current CYMRC members are listed on the CYMRC section of the Commission's website: www.hqsc.govt.nz.

WHAT DOES CYMRC DO?

The people on the CYMRC review the lives and deaths of children and young people who die between their 28th day of life and their 25th birthday.

They try to understand how, why, when and where children and young people die. In some cases deaths are preventable. The CYMRC learns from what has happened and makes recommendations and changes that might help prevent future deaths.

The CYMRC review focuses on improving systems and processes to help save lives; it is not about judging or blaming anyone.

The CYMRC has local Child and Youth Mortality Review Groups working in every District Health Board (DHB). These groups gather and review information about local events and circumstances and use their knowledge to make local changes.

THE REVIEW PROCESS

The CYMRC review process looks at:

- factors that contributed to the death of a child or young person
- policies or programmes that should be improved
- what else people need to know to keep children and young people safe
- where more research is needed to help prevent future deaths
- how families, whānau and friends can be better supported.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INFORMATION?

The CYMRC operates under a section of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, which allows the CYMRC to gather information from a wide range of sources. The CYMRC process links this information from many sources so that the wider story around events can be understood.

From the information gathered, the CYMRC prepares reports for the Commission. These include mortality statistics as well as detailed analysis of different types of deaths with recommendations to the Commission and other agencies on ways to save lives and prevent injury.

The CYMRC has strict laws and rules around using the data for research. All information collected by the CYMRC, including personal details and any information that could identify a person, stays confidential and safe, and cannot be accessed by the public.