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A Child Death Review Process for Scotland

CD landscape

- In 2017 there were 218 avoidable deaths in Scotland in the 0-19 age group
- Highest in the UK
- Well established CDOP process in England and elsewhere

RCPCH and a child death review process

- 2012: RCPCH met with the Cabinet Secretary
- 2013: Child Death Review Working Group established
- 2014: Ministers accepted the recommendations that a CDRP for Scotland was necessary
- 2016: Child Death Review Steering Group report, detailed how to implement the recommendations
- 2019: Stakeholder meeting revealing plans for a Hub in Scotland

Where are we now

- 2018: 3 pilot sites
- 2019: Stakeholder meeting to announce pilot results and plan for a Hub

Our concerns

- 1. No multi-agency working examined in the pilots, they were all focused on health issues.
- 2. IT system is crucial:
 - - we haven't decided what questions/factors/influences we want to examine
 - - the favoured system does not allow for multi-agency entry and needs to be able to integrate national data sets
- 3. Age remit is too narrow and we would like it extended to include the 18-25 age group.
- 4. We would recommend paediatric public health input to the process.