



EYES ON THE BABY

Multi-agency sudden unexpected death in infancy prevention in Darlington

Most SUDIs occur in families living in impoverished circumstances with multiple risks or vulnerabilities. The Out of Routine Report (2020) notes that “..although the advice around safer sleeping is well established and evidence-based, many families living in challenging circumstances are not managing to follow this advice.” In Darlington over a quarter of all children are living in poverty, much greater than the UK average of 15%.

We need a multi-agency approach to reach the families most at risk of infant death (Out of Routine Report 2020 pg 6). Durham University has partnered with Darlington Borough Council, NHS and emergency services and together they aim to eliminate unexpected deaths of babies (under 1 year of age). For more information about SUDI please read the Out of Routine Report (2020).

[Out of Routine Report \(2020\)](#) →

This training is designed to prepare staff to know what to see, what to say, and what to do.

We have evidence-based video presentations suited for each role



Strand 1 - For workforce members who go inside homes, who talk to new parents, or who help in a crisis. They will keep ‘Eyes on the Baby’: observe, listen, nudge, and refer/report.



Strand 2 - For workforce members who provide direct support to priority families. They will raise awareness of and reinforce SUDI prevention: explore, remind, support and refer/report.



Strand 3 - Healthcare professionals will offer targeted SUDI prevention advice, support, inform and guide families, referring to additional services as required. Healthcare professionals will respond to concerns raised as needed from people in strands 1 and 2.

How?

Access the ‘melearn’ platform and complete the training. Your evaluations of the training will inform practice across Darlington. Alternatively any group training will be organised by your line manager.

Talk to your line manager about accessing the training today.

[Melearn](#) →



Darlington Borough Council are working with the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership (DSP) to ensure the *Eyes on the Baby* training is accessible to all eligible staff.



The Partnership is committed to delivering high-quality multi-agency training and they are hosting the *Eyes on the Baby* training on the DSP ME learning platform.

“The Eyes on the Baby training has really helped staff to understand all aspects of safer sleep.”
Infant feeding co-ordinator

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