

Sudden Unexpected Death in Children (SUDiC) Checklist for Doctors	Addressograph, or
	Name
	DOB:
	Unit No./CHI:

- Document history, examination and parent information on the SUDiC Form
- Document all investigations and interventions whether successful or not
 - ET tubes and cannulae can be removed but ensure position is confirmed and documented prior to removal
- Do **NOT** take further samples after death (*see pg 11 SUDiC - Guidelines for Clinical Mgt*)
- If samples taken as part of resuscitation attempt:
 - Label samples with “Freeze and Keep” stickers and send to lab
 - If already sent to lab, contact lab to arrange for samples to be kept
- Complete DATIX form for **ALL** deaths (*see pg 12 SUDiC - Guideline for Clinical Mgt*)
- Check TRAK, including Community TRAK, to determine previous contact healthcare services
- Complete TRAK Discharge Summary
- Ensure all documentation, including checklists has been completed and filed in case notes
- Complete details of responsible consultant on sheet for notes and staple on front of case notes (*Appendix 5, SUDiC - Guidelines for Clinical Mgt*)
- Ensure siblings, especially twins, are being reviewed by senior doctor as soon as possible

Ensure the following people have been contacted:

- Clinical Co-ordinator (RHSC only)
- Consultant on-call (for ED or ward)
- On-call Medical Consultant -non-trauma deaths (if child not otherwise known to a consultant)
- Police if not already present – Police Scotland 101
- Procurator Fiscal – *see Appendix 6, SUDiC - Guideline for Clinical Mgt*
- On-call Consultant Paediatrician for Child Protection after discussion with most senior doctor
- Consultant in Public Health if appropriate (*Appendix 7, SUDiC - Guidelines for Clinical Mgt*) via switchboard

Ensure the following people are informed the next “working” day if out of hours

- Pathology to inform them of the death – contact via the hospital switchboard
- On-call Consultant Paediatrician for Child Protection (if not already contacted)
 - Child Protection Advisor will liaise with relevant parties (*Appendix 8, SUDiC – Guidelines*)
- Public Health Nurse/Health Visitor (named person) for children under five years’ old
 - Infant/Child’s GP
 - Child’s nursery or school
- Any Consultant with on-going care for the child e.g. as an out-patient
- Hospital Chaplain (ext RHSC 20144/SJH 52188) even if declined to see chaplain previously
- Radiology Secretary (ext RHSC 20253) that skeletal survey will be taking place if PM at RIE

Doctor’s signature:	Date:
Print name:	