

Messages and learning from Child
Death Overview Panels (CDOP)
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Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets,
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NHS website: [Healthier Together](#)



Mencap Partnership

The national Mencap charity in partnership with Newham now run a scheme for families of children with complex medical needs and life limiting illnesses. They support and empower families when they are finding it difficult to accept the prognosis of their children.

Professionals and families can make an online referral directly to the Mencap local service using the hyperlinks that can be found in the posters

Self-referral - [Family Engagement Project in the London Borough of Newham](#)

Professional Referral - [Professional Referral Form – Newham](#)

Fit to travel for children with complex medical needs

Where families have decided to choose overseas medical assistance, it is important to understand the complex issues in these circumstances and to consider greater communication, openness and transparency so that doctors from both countries and parents are supporting the child's best interests.

Healthcare providers will assist with appropriate travel plans involving a child currently receiving treatment.

[Travel vaccination advice – NHS](#)



Identify your **emergency services number** for the country you are travelling to.



Child car seats abroad: <https://www.madeformums.com/school-and-family/baby-toddler-and-child-car-seat-laws-in-europe-and-around-the-world/>



Guidance from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office:

[What to do when someone dies abroad - GOV.UK](#)