### 6 ATTACHMENTS

#### 6.1 Response to Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI) - Roles and Responsibilities

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| **Ambulance**                             | Ambulance to attend, assess, attempt resuscitation (if indicated) and transport infant to hospital  
Complete an Ambulance Clinical Record and handover |
| **Police**                                | Attend scene  
Explain Coronial process, provide Initial steps after a death is reported to the Coroner brochure  
Interview parents/carers and complete Police P79A form  
Ensure any objection to the post mortem is documented  
Liaise with Family and Community Services (FACS)  
Complete formal identification of the infant's body  
Coordinate transfer of the infant's body to Forensic Medicine (NSW Health Pathology)  
Preserve and examine scene (Forensic Services, Police) |
| **Senior ED MO or AMO**                   | Manage medical care, including verification of life extinction  
Coordinate completion of the infant's medical history  
(by the on-call paediatrician)  
Coordinate ongoing medical care of parents/carers, including documentation and referrals  
Coordinate staff debrief |
| **Paediatrician**                         | Complete infant’s medical history and documentation  
Consider medical cause or non-accidental injury  
Contact GP and relevant medical specialists  
Participate in Forensic Medicine (NSW Health Pathology) multi-disciplinary meeting if required |
| **Nurse in charge**                       | Coordinate nursing care  
Liaise with hospital contact person about care of parents/carers  
Coordinate staff debrief |
| **Hospital contact person (social work/nurse)** | Inform parents/carers of SUDI process  
Support parents/carers in spending time with infant (under clinician supervision with minimal handling)  
Organise practical support including private space, refreshments, support such as extended family, religious, cultural and Aboriginal  
Offer contact with Red Nose Grief and Loss  
Coordinate lactation support and/or referral, where required  
Provide handover to Forensic Medicine social work  
Provide handover to hospital social work (if not already aware) |
| **Forensic Medicine (NSW Health Pathology)** | Pathologist completes post mortem examination  
Social work offers parents/carers support, advice and referral  
Social work and pathologist offer to discuss post mortem results with parents/carers  
Coordinates multi-disciplinary case review |
| **General practitioner**                  | Provide information about the infant and parents/carers where required  
Organise ECG for parents and siblings  
Provide ongoing support and referral for parents/carers |
| **Medical records/clerical**              | Forward copy of infant’s health care record to Forensic Medicine (NSW Health Pathology) within 24 hours of infant’s death |
| **Coroner**                               | Determine manner and cause of death and need for inquest based on post mortem report and police investigation  
Consider requests for release of post mortem report |
| **Clinical governance/director medical services** | Manage requests for post mortem report  
Distribute post mortem report to relevant clinician |