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Purpose of the National Hub

Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Care Inspectorate have hosted the National Hub for reviewing and learning from the deaths of children and young people (National Hub) since October 2021. By ensuring the death of every child in Scotland is subject to a quality review and that bereaved families and carers are engaged in those review processes, the National Hub aims to identify and share learning from reviews and help reduce preventable deaths.

An inclusive approach to information

Following research that underlined the importance of providing clear and accessible information at this most difficult of times for bereaved families and carers, the National Hub produced a national leaflet, [Supporting families in Scotland with the child death review process](#).

It explains the process in clear language to guide bereaved families and carers through the necessity of

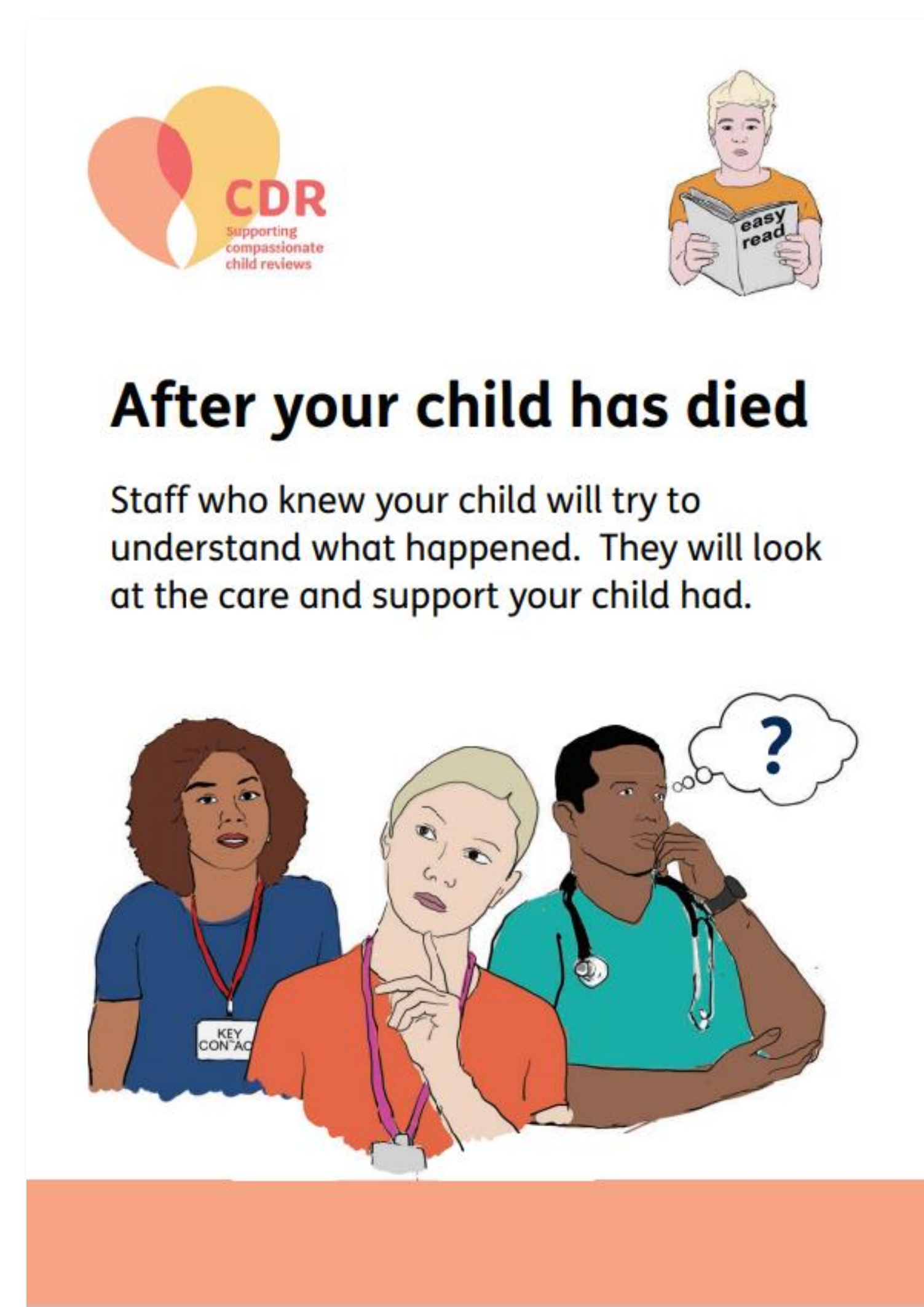
the review, how they can contribute their views and questions, and what support they can expect from their key contact. The leaflet, written in plain English, has a reading age of 9-10 in line with the UK national average for adults.

However, recognising more could be done to include those whose first language is not English and those who may have difficulty with too many words, we commissioned an **easy read leaflet** for use in Scotland, based on the National Child Mortality Database's leaflet contained in their [Child Death Review Toolkit](#).

Published in May 2025, the National Hub's easy read leaflet, [After your child has died](#) was created in collaboration with Easy Read UK and tested by a reader panel from an independent self-advocacy group.

The panel checked the information is accessible. It features few words and lots of images, with accessibility and inclusivity in mind.

See some excerpts below.



Read more or contact us

Find out more about the National Hub and how it encourages NHS boards and local authorities in Scotland to support bereaved families and carers through the child death review process at www.healthcareimprovementscotland.scot/inspections-reviews-and-regulation/national-hub-for-reviewing-and-learning-from-the-deaths-of-children-and-young-people/

We welcome enquiries at HIS.CDRNationalHub@nhs.scot



About this booklet

We are very sorry that your child has died. We know this is a really hard time for you and your family.



About a review

When a child dies, some of the staff involved in your child's care will do a **review**.



A **review** is when staff look at why your child died.

The review will try to help everyone understand what happened.