

## National organisations

### **Action against Medical Accidents ('AvMA'):**

An independent national charity that specialises in advising people who have been affected by lapses in patient safety ('medical accidents'). It offers free advice on NHS investigations; complaints; inquests; health professional regulation and legal action regarding clinical negligence. Most advice is provided via its helpline or in writing but individual 'advocacy' may also be arranged. It can also refer to other specialist sources of advice, support and advocacy or specialist solicitors where appropriate. [www.avma.org.uk](http://www.avma.org.uk) - 0845 123 23 45

**Advocacy after Fatal Domestic Abuse:** Specialises in guiding families through inquiries including domestic homicide reviews and mental health reviews, and assists with and represent on inquests, Independent Office for Police Conduct (IPOC) inquiries and other reviews. [www.aafda.org.uk](http://www.aafda.org.uk) - 07768 386 922

**Child Bereavement UK:** Supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child or young person (up to age 25) is facing bereavement. This includes supporting adults to support a bereaved child or young person. All support is free, confidential, has no time limit, and includes face to face sessions and booked telephone support. [www.childbereavementuk.org](http://www.childbereavementuk.org) – 0800 028 8840.