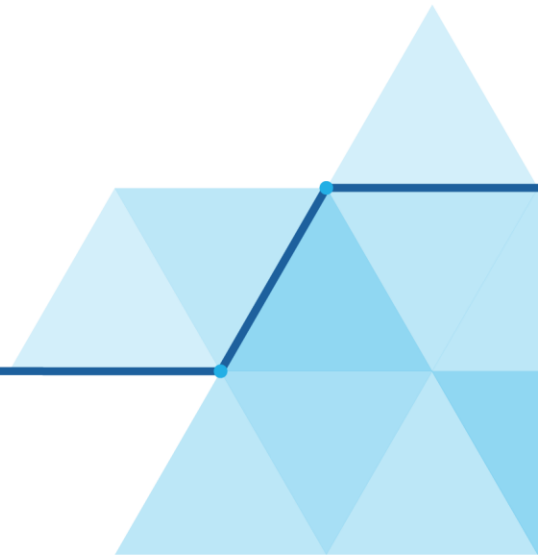




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Stakeholder Engagement Event: Death Certification Reform and the introduction of statutory medical examiners

27 and 29 August 2024



Agenda

Item	Speaker	
Welcome and introductions	Terry	5 mins
Update: circulation of new forms and guidance	Agata	5 mins
Stakeholder preparedness for 9 Sept	Stakeholders	40 mins
Next steps post 9 September	Agata	5 mins
AOB	Agata	5 mins

Update: circulation of new forms and guidance

On 16 August, we shared the following:

Amended forms:

- Form Cremation 1
- Form Cremation 6
- Form Cremation 10

Amended guidance:



- Guidance for applicants
- Guidance for funeral directors
- Guidance for crematorium authorities and crematorium managers
- Guidance for medical referees
- Guidance for registered medical practitioners on the Notification of Deaths Regulations 2019

We have also now circulated two new piece of guidance:

- Guidance for medical referees on the transition provisions
- Guidance for deaths which occurred in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, or the Channel Islands but where the cremation takes place in England and Wales

Form 9 – Part D - English

Please complete the below and attach to the Form 9, Part B.

Information taken from medical certificate of cause of death.

Medical device information	
Was a hazardous implant placed in the body?	
Device Type:	
Has the device been removed?	
AP Name:	ME Name:

Stakeholder preparedness for 9 September

Next steps post 9 September

Medical referees

Going forward, one of the main policy areas we will be focusing on is the role of the medical referee.

To aid our policy development, we will be engaging with stakeholders to understand your views on a range of questions including:

- How long should the transitional period be for the role of the MR after 9 September?
- While MRs are in post, should they be required to renew their medical licenses to remain in the role?

Monitoring of the new system

Following implementation, we will continue to engage with you to seek your views on how new processes are working, whether any additional guidance is needed etc.

AOB



Useful links

Information about changes to the death certification process in England and Wales from 9 September 2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/death-certification-reform-and-the-introduction-of-medical-examiners>

National Medical Examiner's good practice guidelines

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-medical-examiners-guidance-for-england-and-wales/>



New Cremation forms

[Form Cremation 1](#) [Form Cremation 6](#) [Form Cremation 10](#)

Cremation, Coroners and Notification of Deaths Regulations 2024

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/668/contents/made>

A list of medical devices which may cause problems during a cremation can be found at Annex B of the Guidance for Cremation Authorities and Crematorium Managers, which has been updated and will be available on 9 September 2024 at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crematorium-managers-guidance-on-cremation-regulations-and-forms>



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