

Update to changes to the statutory process for deaths from 9th September 2024

- From the 9th September 2024, all non-coronial deaths will have to be referred to the medical examiner service, registrations will not be accepted by the registrars without going through this process.
- The link for NHS England information for primary care about the medical examiner service is [NHS England » Information for primary care on extending medical examiner scrutiny to non-coronial deaths in the community](#)
- We have produced a booklet, including a flow chart detailing how to refer to the medical examiner service and have distributed this to all practice managers in Rotherham, we have attached a copy to this email and we are also happy to email out copies if contacted on the contact address below.
- A Doctor will be eligible to be an “attending practitioner” and complete the MCCD if they have attended the patient in their lifetime (this changes from the within 28 days currently in law)
- A new MCCD will replace the current one which will include new information
 - Details of the medical examiner who scrutinised the cause of death
 - Ethnicity, as self declared by the patient on the medical record. If the record does not include this information the attending practitioner can complete it as “unknown”, this should not be asked from the representative of the deceased.
 - A new line of 1d as an additional qualifier, if required.
 - Whether the deceased was pregnant or recently pregnant.
 - Medical devices and implants will be recorded on the MCCD by the attending practitioner and this will be transferred to the certificate for burial or cremation completed by the registrar to inform relevant authorities of their presence.
 - A new paper MCCD will be distributed before 9th September 2024. At a later date the plan is for this to become electronic. You can check your practice is on the distribution list for the new MCCD on this link [New MCCD: check that your organisation is on the distribution list - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- There will be medical examiner certification introduction for the rare circumstances where there is no attending practitioner, or an attending practitioner is not available within a reasonable time. In these circumstances the death should be referred to the senior coroner by a referring medical practitioner (not a medical examiner) and if the senior coroner decides not to investigate they would then refer the case to a medical examiner to certify the death using a medical examiner MCCD.
- Attending practitioners should continue to notify the coroner of deaths meeting the criteria of the “Notification of deaths regulations 2019” as per the current process.

- If the attending practitioner refers to coroner and the coroner does not investigate further then the attending practitioner will be informed and advised to complete the MCCD and refer to the medical examiner service. The form 100A will no longer exist.
- Once the process is statutory the cremation 4 form will cease.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, queries or any way we can help.

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