

Issuing a MCCD and Cremation:- a Step by Step Guide

General:-

The Coroner does not, and never has given permission to issue a MCCD nor is the Coroner able to give advice on what to write on a MCCD.

MCCD

The Coroner suggests that in asking yourself whether you are able to issue a MCCD. You can do this if you are a Registered Medical Practitioner and you will need to comply with the following 3 steps:-

Step 1

Did you *attend the patient in their last illness?*

Step 2

Either *have you seen the patient in the last 14 days?*

or

Have you seen the patient after death?

Step 3

Are you able to state "*to the best of your knowledge and belief*" the medical cause of death?

If you are able to satisfy all three steps you can properly complete a MCCD.

Referral to the Coroner. **(Please ensure that you include family /NOK contact details)**

The Coroner then suggests that you then need to consider whether you need to refer the death to the Coroner's Service (please see the Coroner's Referral Form on the EMIS system for the criteria for referral to the Coroner's Service.)

If you need to refer the matter to the Coroner's Service or make an enquiry about a death to the Coroner's Service you will need to complete a GP or Hospital referral Form and e-mail to the Coroner's Service at admin.beh@hmc-northlondon.co.uk.

If you have completed a MCCD and reported the death to the Coroner's Service please can you e-mail a copy of the MCCD to admin.beh@hmc-northlondon.co.uk

Please Note

If you have referred the death to the Coroner's Service please let the family/NOK know that they will need to contact the Coroner's Service before making an appointment to register the death. Please provide the family/NOK with the e-mail address admin.beh@hmc-northlondon.co.uk

Cremation Regulations.

“The normal expectation is that you will have seen the deceased during the course of the last illness within 14 days before death; otherwise you must refer the death to a coroner*.” You will need to complete a GP referral form and send this by e-mail to the above e-mail address. You can then complete the relevant cremation papers. You do not need to wait for a response from the Coroner's Service.

<http://www.cremation.org.uk/content/files/Guidance%20to%20medical%20practitioners.pdf>

If you would still like to speak to a member of the Coroner's Team please send an e-mail to admin.beh@hmc-northlondon.co.uk providing a contact telephone number and a time that you would be available and a member of the Coroner's Team will contact you.

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