

The SFH and Mid Notts Medical Examiner Service

When a loved one passes away in the community

A guide for the bereaved

If you have been given this leaflet, you have experienced the death of someone close to you. We are very sorry for your loss, and we know that this can be a very difficult and distressing time.

We hope this leaflet will help you to understand what you can expect from the Mid-Notts Medical Examiners Service.

Following the death of a patient, the death will be verified and documented on the electronic patient record.

The GP will then make the referral to the Mid-Notts Medical Examiner Service using an electronic referral form.

Please ask your GP to explain the process to you if required

Once the Medical Examiner has carried out a review of the death using the electronic GP records and the relevant hospital records if required, they will establish what they believe the cause of death should be for the death certificate. The Medical Examiner will then telephone the next of kin to discuss the proposed cause of death to see if they agree, and check if they have any concerns or questions. The Medical Examiner Team will then contact the GP with what they believe the cause of death to be.

Once the cause of death has been agreed the GP will complete the death certificate and send to the Medical Examiner Office, where it will be verified and forwarded to the appropriate registrar.

If the death occurs in the Mid Nottinghamshire area, the registrar will call the next of kin to arrange an appointment to go into the office and register the death.

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Further Information:

You can contact the Medical Examiner office here:

Telephone- 01623 422702 (Direct Line)

Address- Medical Examiner Office, Bereavement Centre, King Mill Hospital, Mansfield Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 4JL

Phone: 01623 622515 (Switchboard) Ext--3157

Email- "MEO (SHERWOOD FOREST HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)" <sfh-tr.meo@nhs.net>

Opening hours: 9.30am - 5.30pm (Monday to Friday)

Other ways to access the Medical Examiner...

You can contact the Medical Examiner Service through the Bereavement Office.

Bereavement Centre –Tel—01623 622515 Ext—4189, 4190

Useful Links:

<https://www.rcpath.org/profession/medical-examiners.html>

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/patient-safety/patient-safety-insight/national-medical-examiner-system/>