

HM Coroner for Brighton & Hove



Information and advice

His Majesty's Coroner for Brighton & Hove is an independent judicial officer. It is the duty of the Coroner to investigate deaths reported to her that appear to be:

- Sudden and of unknown cause
- Unnatural or due to violence, or
- Occur in legal custody

It is no longer necessary to report all deaths of children under the age of 18 years.

The Coroner's investigations may require a post-mortem examination to find out the cause of death. In a small amount of cases, it may be necessary to hold an inquest. Whatever the Coroner decides, the immediate next-of-kin will be given an explanation of arrangements and procedures involved.

Contacting the Coroner

The Coroner has an office managed by her PA and can be contacted Monday to Friday, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm at:

The Coroner's Office and Court
Woodvale
Lewes Road
Brighton
BN2 3QB

Telephone: (01273) 292046

The first line of contact is with the Coroner's Officers

Coroner's Officers

Coroner's officers work under the direction of the Coroner and liaise with bereaved families, police, doctors and funeral directors. They are:

Arianna Palermo	07971 337 001
Mark Johnson	07810 180 463

Claire Rogers	07471 027 296 (Mon – Wed)
Andy Jackson	07783 804 971
Sally West	07766 602 625
Gemma Potter	07471 027 296 (Thurs – Fri)

They are currently based at:

Brighton Police Station
John Street
Brighton
BN2 2LA

In an emergency you can contact the Coroner's Officers through Sussex Police 101 and ask for the on call Coroner's Officer.

Further help and advice

More details about the work of the city coroner [MS Word 27 kb] – some questions answered, is available.

The following publications are also available:

- Guide to Coroner Services (a booklet which describes the role of the Coroner and the service to expect)
- When a Death is Reported to the Coroner (this provides practical information to explain what happens in the case of a sudden death, the Coroner's involvement and the public facilities at the city mortuary)
- The Coroner's Court (a leaflet with local information for those who need to attend court)

Booklets and leaflets may be ordered on-line, using the [order form for publications](#). Alternatively, [contact Bereavement Services](#) with your requirements.

For further information visit the [Ministry of Justice or Chief Coroner's website](#).