

Who pays for the funeral?

The costs are met from the deceased's estate or by those making arrangements. If the next of kin, or the person arranging the funeral, is on state benefit it may be possible to get a grant from your local authority Department of Work and Pensions.

Where can I get support to talk about how I feel?

If you feel the need to talk with someone sympathetic who is outside your immediate family you can contact the hospital chaplain.

If you do not understand this leaflet, we can arrange for an interpreter.

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এই প্রচারপুস্তিকাটি যদি আপনি বুঝতে না পারেন, তবে আপনার জন্য আমরা একজন অনুবাদকের ব্যবস্থা করে দিতে পারি

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اگر مندرجات این جزوه را نمیفهمید، ما می‌توانیم مترجم در اختیارتان بگذاریم.

Jeśli masz trudności w zrozumieniu tej ulotki, możemy zorganizować tłumacza.

Information on collecting the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death

Royal Sussex County Hospital

Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital

For all enquiries about children please contact the Children's Hospital directly (01273 696955 ext 2529) and ask to speak with senior nursing staff.

ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL

What do I need to do?

On the next working day following the death please phone the Bereavement Office after 10.00am on 01273 696955 ext: 64611 to discuss the collection of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death.

If staff are busy when you call you will need to leave a message giving your contact details and your call will be returned.

If your religious or cultural affiliation has any specific requirements regarding funeral arrangements please mention this when you speak with the ward and with the Bereavement Office

Please do **NOT** come to the Bereavement Office without having made an appointment.

What happens next?

On the next working day following the death the Bereavement Office will arrange for one of the doctors who cared for the person who has died to come to the Bereavement Office and begin the process of certifying the death. This involves a discussion with a Medical Examiner who scrutinises the causes of death. When the Medical Examiner is clear about the causes of death they will phone you and discuss the causes of death with you. When this discussion has taken place the Bereavement Office will then arrange for you to come in to the Bereavement Office to collect the completed Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

For a variety of reasons this process can take up to **five** working days. We strongly recommend that you do not set the date or time of the funeral until your Funeral Director has informed you that they have all the correct paperwork.

**We would like to offer you our
condolences at this time.**

When I have collected the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death how do I obtain the Death Certificate?

You will need to contact The Registry Office to arrange a time when you can register the death.

The Registrar of Births and Deaths,
Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton, BN1 1JA
Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.00pm except on Wednesday
when they open at 10:00 am
Telephone: 01273 292016

If you need to contact the Coroner's Officer they are at:

John Street Police Station, John Street, Brighton BN2 OLA
Telephone: 01273 404033 / 404056 / 404035 / 404032

Can my loved one donate tissue?

Yes, many people who die in hospital are suitable to donate tissue, regardless of their age or medical condition. Tissue donation can benefit the lives of others in a very special way. Tissue that can be donated include eye tissue, skin, bone, tendons and heart valves.

The donation will take place in the hospital within 24-48 hours. You will be able to see your loved one afterwards and the donation will not delay any funeral arrangements.

If you would like more information about tissue donation then please contact the nurse in charge of the ward as soon as possible, ideally within 12 hours of your loved one's death.

Can I see the person who has died?

We recommend that after the deceased has left the ward/clinical area further viewings of the deceased are conducted at your convenience when the deceased are in the care of your chosen funeral director. If you do want to view the deceased before they arrive at the funeral directors viewings can be arranged at the hospital Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) between 9.30am and 4pm by contacting the Mortuary Staff on ext 64420. The Mortuary staff will need time to arrange a viewing and will advise you when to come into the hospital and how to find the Chapel of Rest.