

WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE DIES

- Contact the GP to confirm the death and issue cause of death certificate. If the death is unexpected, the coroner might need to be informed. Your GP will advise on this. You can call 111 out of hours in case the surgery is closed.
- Contact your Funeral Director
- Decide whether you would like the body moved immediately or after family members and / or priest or religious leader have come to the house.
- Check the Will to see if there are any stated wishes regarding the funeral.
- Decide on burial or cremation
- Register the death (some registrars operate an appointment system). Take the following with you:
 - Cause of Death Certificate from the GP (*this can take up to 48 hours in some cases*)
 - Means of payment for copies of the Death Certificate
 - In connection with the deceased the registrar will want to know:
 - Full name (including maiden name)
 - Home address
 - Occupation
 - Details of any state pensions or allowances
 - Date and place of birth
 - Date of birth of any surviving spouse
- The Registrar will issue as many copies of the Death Certificate as you want (a small fee is payable for each) and a green certificate for burial or cremation which the Funeral Director will need to complete the funeral arrangements.
- Arrange the Funeral. Some of the matters to consider:
 - Secular or religious funeral?
 - Which cemetery or crematorium
 - Decide on whether you would like to view the body of the deceased and in what clothes
 - How can you make the funeral special? What music and readings would be appropriate? Should you have flowers or donations? Where should the funeral leave from? How many cars do you need? How can the family be involved? Traditional, horse drawn or motorcycle vehicles? Service sheets? Website or newspaper tribute?
- Consider memorial options after the burial or cremation.