

Useful online websites for more information

If you would like any further information on bereavement you can visit any of the sites below

- <https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-help/about-grief>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/guides-to-support-and-services/bereavement/#.XbAqAeZKjct>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/guides-to-support-and-services/bereavement/useful-contacts/#.XbAqGeZKjct>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/your-stories/grief-and-anxiety/#.XbAqNZKjcu>

Support

If you are a relative or friend of a deceased person and are registered at this practice please remember that we are here to support you during this difficult time. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you think that we may be able to help directly or refer you to other support agencies.



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Website:

www.graingermmedicalgroup.nhs.uk



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We would like to offer you and your family our deepest sympathy at this time. The next few days will probably be extremely difficult for you and we know it is not easy to turn thoughts to the practical arrangements now needed. We hope this information will help you.

In the unfortunate event that a person has passed away, there are three things that must be done in the first few days;

- Get a medical certificate from your GP or hospital doctor (this is necessary to register the death)
- Register the death within 5 days (8 days in Scotland). You will then receive the necessary documents for the funeral.
- Make the necessary funeral arrangements.

Registering a death

- If the death has been reported to the coroner (or Procurator Fiscal in Scotland) they must give permission before registering the death.
- You can register the death if you are a relative, a witness to the death, a hospital administrator or the person making the arrangements with the funeral directors.
- You can use the 'Register a Death' page on the gov.uk website that will guide you through the process. This will also explain the registration process for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Arranging the Funeral

- The funeral can usually only take place after the death is registered. Most people use a funeral director, though you can arrange a funeral yourself.

Funeral Directors

Choose a funeral director who's a member of one of the following:

- **National Association of Funeral Directors**
- **National Federation of Funeral Directors**
- **Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors**

These organisations have codes of practice - they must give you a price list when asked. Some local council's run their own funeral services, for example for non-religious burials. **The British Humanist Association** can also help with non-religious funerals.

Arranging the funeral yourself

Contact the Cemeteries and Crematorium Department of your local council to arrange a funeral yourself.

Funeral Costs

Funeral costs can include:

- Funeral director fees
- Things the funeral director pays for on your behalf (called 'disbursements' or 'third-party costs'), for example, crematorium or cemetery fees, or a newspaper announcement about the death
- Local authority burial or cremation fees

Funeral directors may list all these costs in their quotes.

