**Summary of arrangements for death certification and registration after the**

**Coronavirus Act expires at midnight on 24 March 2022.**

**Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD)**

1. An MCCD can be completed by any Registered Medical Practitioner (RMP) who has ‘attended’ the deceased during their last illness. In addition, to avoid referral to Coroner, the deceased is to have:
2. Been seen (including by video, but not by telephone) within 28 days prior to death by the signing RMP, or
3. Seen after death by the RMP in person (not by video).
4. If neither 1 (a), nor (b) can be fulfilled, it is still possible for the MCCD to be issued but only after referral to the Coroner using:
5. For Leicester City and Leicestershire South, the online portal:

leicester-portal.coronersconnect.co.uk

1. For Leicestershire North, the PRISM Form
2. If the cause of death is natural and the Coroner’s Officer confirms there are no relevant concerns from the family, the doctor will be asked to proceed to issue the MCCD and asked to circle number 4 which indicates “I have reported this death to the Coroner for further action” and also enter “100A” in box A on the reverse of the MCCD.





1. In cases where doctors have never personally treated the patient for their last illness but can suggest a natural cause of death (perhaps when the usual doctor is on holiday) the same procedure applies; referral to the Coroner is needed in the first instance and if the doctor is asked to complete the MCCD they do so as usual but omit their signature; an “uncertified” death.
2. Place of death must be an address or description and not “patient’s home” or similar.

1. Last seen alive refers to either in person or by video and must be completed regardless of how long this was before death.

1. Option (a) Seen after death by me can only be completed if seen in person (not by video).

1. Remote Verification of Death remains an option for confirming death, preferably by using the PRISM form.

1. The whole of both sides of the completed MCCD should be scanned or photographed and emailed to the registrar. It is important to include a name and telephone number of a relative or representative who the registrar can liaise with.

County deaths – leicsdeathreg@leics.gov.uk

City deaths – Nominated-Officer@leicester.gov.uk

Rutland deaths - registrars@rutland.gov.uk

1. It is advised that the original completed copies of MCCDs should be retained for at least one month, before destroying.

1. Fuller guidance about completing MCCD can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-notes-for-completing-a-medicalcertificate-of-cause-of-death/guidance-for-doctors-completing-medical-certificates-ofcause-of-death-in-england-and-wales-accessible-version

12 You may also which to refer to the Royal College of Pathologist’s Flow Chart (attached below)

**Cremation & Burial**

1. The requirement for Form Cremation 5 (Part 2) to be completed has been completely removed.
2. The criteria for RMPs completing the Cremation 4 form is the same as for the MCCD. RMPs will be able to complete the Cremation 4 without the death having been referred to the Coroner if they:

(a) Had seen the deceased (including video) within 28 days prior to death, or

* 1. Viewed the body after death in person (not by video), or
	2. The death has been registered with an MCCD supported by Form 100A issued by the coroner.

The Medical Referee MAY accept a form where none of these criteria are met, but can reject the form, or make ‘any enquiry’ causing delay.

1. Detailed guidance regarding completion of Form Cremation 4 can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_ data/file/1062509/medical-practitioners-completing-form-cremation-4-25-march-2022.pdf

**Death Registration**

1 Registrations must now be done face to face. This will be by appointment only.

2 At the point of registration, the Registrar will issue Form 9/the green form to the informant.

3 Funeral Directors will no longer be able to act as the informant to register a death.

**PLEASE SEE MCCD FLOWCHART BELOW**

 **MCCD FLOWCHART**

No

No

No

No

**Report death to coroner:**

If North Leicestershire use the PRISM Form, otherwise use the online Portal

*NB If the cause of the death is known, Coroner may issue Form 100A and ask GP to issue MCCD*

Yes

Yes

Yes

Had this other GP ever seen the patient **either**:

a) within 28 days during life (video or face to face), **or**

b) after death (face to face only)?

Had this other GP ever seen the patient during their life\* (video or face to face)?

*\*there is no time limit and it may have been several years before*

No

No

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Issue MCCD

Scan and Email to Registrar with name and phone number of a contact

Have you ever seen the patient **either**:

a) within 28 days during life (video or face to face) **or**

b) after death (face to face only)?

Did the patient die naturally of a known cause?

Request other GP to Issue MCCD

Scan and Email to Registrar with name and phone number of a contact

Is there another GP in the practice who attended the patient during the last illness, who is currently available or soon\*?

\**this could be days, or even weeks if the family are happy to wait*

Have you ever seen the patient during their life\* (video or face to face)?

*\*there is no time limit and it may have been several years before*

Did you attend the patient during the last illness?