PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS **DRAFT GUIDANCE**, AND THERE MAY BE CHANGES PRIOR TO GOING LIVE AS SOME LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING NATIONAL GUIDANCE IS STILL IN DRAFT FORM.

1) The processes to be followed after death will be changing significantly in 2024. Although it is expected to be implemented during April 2024 it may be delayed until later in the year. This short guide for GPs has been written with the kind input from the Senior Coroner, Senior Medical Examiner, Senior Registrar and a Funeral Director.

2) The main changes that will affect GPs are:

2.1) To complete an MCCD/APC you will need to:

* Have ‘attended’ the deceased before death.
* Know ‘to the best of your knowledge and belief’ the cause of death.
* Know that there is no requirement to report the death to the coroner (Annex C).
* Consider consulting the Medical Examiners’ Office if you are unsure about any of the above (Contact: 0116 258 3102/250 2945 or 07814 028098 or 07815 457565).

2.2) There is no longer any requirement for the deceased to be seen within **28 days prior to death**, or **after death** by the certifying GP.

2.3) Once completed the GP **MUST** send the MCCD/APC to the Medical Examiner service, together with the deceased’s person’s relevant health records and any other relevant information (in preference using the PRISM form).

3) Please find attached the Following Annexes:

Annex A Flow chart of death process for GPs.

Annex B Frequently Asked Questions.

Annex C Notifiable Causes of Death.

4) This guidance is accurate at the time of writing but refers to draft legislation so may be subject to change.

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