

DID YOU KNOW...?

Deaths must be registered

- Within 5 days (MCCD/MCCD + Form A) Within 7 days (Coroner's PM: Form B)
- In the district where they occurred (so in York we register deaths within the City of York)

Registrar is required to make checks on certifying doctor in EVERY case

Status and primary medical qualification. In order to do this we need

- Printed name + GMC no + practice name

Please print or stamp this onto MCCD EVERY time.

Certifying doctor should have seen patient EITHER after death OR within 14 days prior to the death.

If not, the doctor who intends to certify should refer the matter to the coroner as we will not be able to register without a Form A (which the coroner may or may not be willing to provide).

Referrals to the coroner

If the death is one which needs to be referred to the coroner for ANY reason and the doctor has not done so, then the registrar will have to refer it when she sees the MCCD. At that point the informant is already here for the appointment and might have to be sent away without registering.

Cause of death must be copied EXACTLY by the registrar.

Issues: mis-spelling; illegibility; abbreviations/symbols (which we have to check on every occasion).

We might have to send the MCCD back to have an obvious spelling error amended and initialled.

These are the most common problems requiring clarification by the doctor's practice (causing delay to registration and possible distress to the family)

- "Last seen alive" date missing/ incomplete/ in the future. Must include a year.
- Missing printed name &/or GMC number so we cannot make our GMC checks.
- Place of death is missing
- a/b/c/d &/or 1/2/3/4 not circled. One number & one letter required every time.
- Issues with cause of death, especially illegibility and abbreviations requiring confirmation
- No referral to coroner when required
- No practice name/ address (sometimes doctor's home address given as residence!)
- Missing or incomplete date of death. Must include a year.
- No date for when MCCD signed

Further guidance on the completion of MCCDs is available online

www.gov.uk (Completing a medical certificate of cause of death)

Please help us to make the registration process as easy as possible for the deceased's family. Thank you.