## Death Certification Review Service (DCRS) - MCCD selected for review - what happens next?

Handy Guide for Doctors and clinical staff

When an MCCD has been selected for review, a Medical Reviewer Assistant (MRA) contacts the certifying doctors using the telephone number provided on the MCCD

As part of the review, we will aim to speak with the certifying doctor or in their absence, another member of the clinical team

Any changes needed to the MCCD can be made by email or re-issuing the MCCD

The MR closes the case as 'in order', 'not in order' or 'Reported to PF' (Procurator Fiscal)

When the review process has been completed, the registrar is immediately notified of the outcome of the review



Providing ward information (names/numbers), direct dial or bypass numbers on the MCCD will allow us to locate you, complete the review and close the case quicker

This discussion will be based on the MCCD issued and will aim to confirm the details on the certificate.

- We will ask for clinical information to check the cause(s) of death and
- Will check the Hazards section of the certificate is correct
- Having clinical records available can help you complete the review



If changes are needed and the certifying doctor is unavailable, another doctor will need to reissue the MCCD. DCRS must then escalate to Level 2 and review the patient notes, causing more delay

If the death needs to be reported to PF, please ensure you report as soon as possible

Be kind to families
Your prompt assistance will
allow bereaved families to
continue with funeral
arrangements





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