

## STEP 1 - CONTACT US

*In the event of a relative or friend looking close to the end of their life, please call The Mosque Network on 0151 314 9055 or 07525655618 who will make arrangements with:*

- Muslim Funeral Director – to find out costs
- Mosques / Imams to arrange body washing
- Registry Office
- Muslim Cemetery – Springwood, Everton, Arrowe Park

*The Network will inform these contacts that the person is likely to pass away soon and of intentions to organise the funeral. Imams can advise on Islamic end of life practices.*

*Hospital chaplaincy teams may also make contact with the Network on behalf of families and patients.*

## STEP 2 - MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

*On the passing of the departed soul a medical certificate needs to be obtained from a doctor, confirming cause of death:*

- *If the death was in hospital this will be issued by the duty doctor.*
- *If at home this will be from the deceased's GP.*

*The time taken to obtain the medical certificate will depend on the cause of death – Covid-19 deaths may take longer if additional tests and post-mortems are necessary.*

## STEP 3 - REGISTRATION

*The family should make an appointment with the Births, Marriages and Deaths Registry office to officially register the death. They must take the doctor's medical certificate confirming cause of death.*

- *The Registrar will give a death certificate and also a green and pink form.*
- *The green form is required to bury the body in the cemetery.*
- *The pink form is required by the funeral director to retrieve the body from the hospital.*
- *The funeral director or an individual can arrange for a grave to be prepared for the deceased.*

## STEP 4 - BURIAL PREPARATION

*The funeral director should lead the preparation of the body, advising on how and where the body should be stored. They will be able to collect the body from the hospital once the death registration is done (using pink form).*

*Due to Covid-19 additional body handling conditions may be applied by the NHS. The funeral director will oversee the preparation of the body and ensure adherence to Islamic practices, relating to type of cloth, ritual cleansing etc. For further information refer to National Burial Council guidance ([nbc.org.uk](http://nbc.org.uk)). Once the body is ready it will be transported to the cemetery.*

## STEP 5 - FUNERAL PRAYER & BURIAL

*No more than 10 people should attend the funeral service.*

*The funeral prayer will take place in the cemetery near to the grave, led by an Imam - mosque / funeral director to arrange.*

*Everybody in attendance will need to dress appropriately in accordance with PHE advice - see NBC guidance.*

*The burial will take place swiftly and in the usual way with the assistance of digging machinery provided by the cemetery.*

## STEP 6 - BEREAVEMENT

*To observe social distancing no gatherings should be arranged for food or prayers commemorating the deceased.*

- *Similarly, phone calls or video-calls should be the way of sending condolences instead of gatherings and family visits.*
- *For bereavement support and prayers local Imams should be available to families via phone or video-calling.*
- *It is not advised to share food between households.*
- *Mersey Care NHS Chaplaincy can also provide resources and guidance.*

### USEFUL CONTACTS

Mersey Care Chaplaincy Office: 0151 472 4564  
The Liverpool Region Mosque Network: 0151 314 9055

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