

Death within hospital

Verify death in the usual way - this can be performed by any suitably qualified Health Care Practitioner, and documented in the notes
Fill in the Proforma for QDC process as much as is possible/pragmatic. NOK details essential.

Fill in the Notification of Death form (usually delegated to nursing or admin staff).

Notes to go with body to the mortuary (not in the body bag), along with the death notification form

Pathologists to flag up any cases that should have stage 2 mortality review and cases that require referral to the coroner

Pathologist to complete the rest of the paperwork

Fill in the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD)

Fill in Part 4 of the Cremation Form (paper or PDF) - relatives wishes need to be sought however a cremation form should still be completed

Fill in Qualified Death Certifier Case Record, copy to go in notes and to audit department

Usual wording for a COVID related death; "COVID-19"

Electronic version of cremation form 4;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cremation-medical-certificate>

If COVID related fill in the Mortality Surveillance form on WCP

Confirmation that there is no pacemaker is still required - through direct visualisation or recent imaging

Bereavements scan the MCCD and send it to the registrars who are no longer attending site

NOK contacted by bereavement team

Registrars register the death. Mortuary copied in by e-mail to know death registered

Option to scan crem form to crematorium

The fees from cremation forms will not be claimed by the pathologists