

NCC- 030354-17 Public Health Funerals 01-02-18 to 21-03-18

Further to this, I should have clarified, the council only deals with funerals under the Public Health Act **if the deceased has died in a care home and there is no-one else able to make the arrangements**. It would be the care home that would notify us. For people dying in their own homes, the district or borough council would make arrangements and for someone dying in hospital it would be the hospital's responsibility.

The other thing people wrongly assume is that they can arrange a funeral and the council will pay or top it up because they can't afford to. In these cases we would refer them to the Direct.gov website for help with funeral costs via the Social Fund and also let them know that most funeral companies will offer a payment plan to spread the cost of the funeral.