

# Coroner investigations

Information on why a coroner may  
be needed

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## Why would a coroner be used?

Some circumstances require the doctor to report a death to the coroner before the death can be registered and a Death Certificate issued.

A member of St Nicholas Hospice Care staff will let you know if this is the case.

Examples of when a coroner may be required include:

- Where the death is due to industrial disease, such as Mesothelioma, or industrial poisoning
- Where no doctor can issue a medical certificate of cause of death
- Where the cause of death is unknown
- Where the person was not seen by a doctor during the 14 days before or after the death
- Where the cause of death is believed to be unnatural or suspicious
- Where the death happened during an operation or before recovery from anaesthetic

A police officer will gather information and then the coroner must decide whether there should be further investigation into the death. This investigation could include an inquest. If a post mortem is needed this may delay the funeral.

The registrar cannot register the death until the coroner notifies them of their decision.

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