

Annex 1

The main changes to the death certification system from a coronial perspective

Aspect of the system	How it works post-implementation
Who can sign an MCCD?	A medical practitioner who attended the deceased person during their lifetime.
Coroner decides s1 CJA 2009 is not triggered.	Form CN1A will be sent to the attending practitioner, or Form CN1B will be sent to the medical examiner where there is no attending practitioner (or the attending practitioner is not available within a reasonable timeframe). The attending practitioner and medical examiner will either deal with death certification or re-refer the case to the coroner. The coroner does not send anything to the registrar (Form 100A should no longer be used) and has no responsibilities in relation to body disposal.
Coroner commences an investigation but then discontinues it.	Form CN2 will be sent to the registrar (Form 100B should no longer be used). The coroner will issue an Order for Burial or a Cremation Form 6.
Registrar is concerned about a cause of death.	The registrar will communicate with the medical examiner. Registrars will no longer refer deaths to coroners.
Uncertified deaths.	Where an investigation is discontinued, whether or not there was an MCCD and whether or not there was a post-mortem examination, the cause of death provided by the coroner will be used by the registrar to register the death. Uncertified deaths will not result from discontinued investigations.
Deaths of members of visiting forces.	Form 90 will be used to notify the registrar of all outcomes in visiting forces cases unless the Lord Chancellor directs the coroner to investigate. Form Rev 99 should no longer be used to tell the registrar when there is an adjournment of an inquest in a visiting forces case.
Cause of death.	The cause of death fields on the MCCD and coroner forms have been updated to include a field 1(d) in line with international standards.
Ethnicity and pregnancy questions.	Questions have been added to some coroner forms regarding the ethnicity of the deceased and about any recent pregnancy, to improve statistical analysis.
Medical devices questions.	Questions have been added to the Order for Burial and Cremation Form 6 regarding medical devices within the deceased person's body to enable information to be passed to the disposal authority when it is available to the coroner.
Coroner forms	The following forms have been updated: Order for Burial, Form Cremation 6, Rev 99, Form 120A, Form 90, Record of Inquest, Notice of Discontinuance.