

# Bereavement support for social care workers, families and loved ones

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Check to see if there is information on the wishes of the person who has died	Tick List	Date
Contact solicitors/bank/accountants and the Principal Registry for the Family Division to check if there is a Will		
Speak to friends and family		
Check if the deceased has an informal list or formal Will at their residence		
I feel sure I have what I need now concerning their wishes		
I know I have legal authority to act on the deceased's behalf		

Communicate with people close to the deceased	Tick List	Date
Family		
Solicitor		
Close friends		
Faith leader		
I could ask _____ to help me with		
Wider family and friends		
Colleagues		
Interest groups		
I know I have told who they would want to have been told		

Registering a death at the register office	Tick List	Date
I have the medical certificate for the cause of death		
I know which register office I am going to		
I've looked at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/register-a-death">https://www.gov.uk/register-a-death</a> , I have what I need and have made an appointment		

Planning a Funeral	Tick List	Date
Notes		
I have found a funeral director		
People to help and support me		
Where the funeral will be - burial/cremation/woodland burial		
I have planned an obituary		
I want to/don't want to speak		

Closing accounts and communications	Tick List	Date
I have the death certificate to close state accounts		
I have used <a href="https://tellusonce.gov.uk">tellusonce.gov.uk</a> that lets you report a death to most government organisations in one go		
I have asked a charity to stop junk mail		

Applying for probate (executor of Will/closest relative without Will)	Tick List	Date
I have the original Will and am an executor or I am the closest living relative		
I have the death certificate to apply for probate		
I have used the government interactive site and have applied		