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Dear Colleague(s)

### **Medical Certificates of Cause of Death**


Further to the Department of Health Circular HSS(MD) 46 -2022 (issued of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022) - Guidance on the revised arrangements for the certification and registration of deaths and stillbirths and the cremation process.  
[doh-hss-md-46-2022\\_0.pdf \(health-ni.gov.uk\)](#).

I would take this opportunity to remind Practices of the requirement to send MCCDs electronically to the GRO on all occasions as per the process outlined below.

- The MCCD should be completed as soon as possible after death occurs and must be sent electronically to the GRO via e-mail to: [GRO-pandemic@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:GRO-pandemic@finance-ni.gov.uk)
- A copy of the MCCD can be given to the family/next of kin although there is no legal requirement to do so.
- On receipt of the MCCD, the GRO will contact the family/next of kin to complete the registration process.
- General Practitioners are asked to continue to complete MCCDs electronically as they have done throughout the pandemic, and send them via e-mail to: [GRO-pandemic@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:GRO-pandemic@finance-ni.gov.uk)

Should you have any queries please contact your Practice Support Manager in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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