

TO REPORT A DEATH

PLEASE CALL:

0191 208 1345

Please leave a message -
the machine is checked daily
including weekends
and holidays

FOR ALL OTHER QUERIES :

NBTR office and Research
Nurses

(9-5 weekdays)

0191 208 1231

These are the only things that you need to do in order to donate brain tissue for research. However there are other things which need to be done when someone dies, such as registering the death, arranging the funeral, dealing with the estate etc which are not covered in this leaflet.

Further information is available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/register-a-death>

You could also contact Age UK, Citizens Advice or your solicitor or funeral director for advice.

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What to do
when a
potential
brain tissue
donor dies

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This leaflet contains information about what to do when a potential brain tissue donor dies. Most things are exactly the same as when anyone dies.

If the death occurs at home:

Contact the family doctor as you would do in any case. The doctor will confirm the death, issue a Medical Certificate and give you information about how to register the death.

If the death occurs in hospital:

One of the hospital doctors will issue the Medical Certificate and you will be given information on how to register the death.

In either case:

Call us on **0191 208 1345**

as soon as you can

If you are unable to speak to us on the phone then please leave a message and we will call you back.

You can start to make your funeral arrangements if you wish. We will fit in with them.

When we are informed we will:

- check that all the consents are in place and make all the necessary arrangements for the donation to take place as soon as possible.
- contact the funeral directors and arrange transport to the place where the donation will happen. We will cover any additional transport costs.
- liaise with the GP, Coroner or hospital if necessary.

If the death occurs over a weekend/holiday the donation may not be able to take place until the next working day. This will still be valuable for research.

What happens next?

The donation will not take very long and the donor will be taken back to the funeral home afterwards.

It will not delay the funeral. No disfigurement will be seen.

We can keep you informed about what is happening if you wish.