

**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)**

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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.

If you need further information booklet DWP011 'What to do after a death' can be obtained from the DWP. Information is also available from [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). You could also contact Age UK, Citizens Advice or your solicitor or funeral director.

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**Newcastle Brain  
Tissue Resource**

**What to do  
when a  
potential  
brain donor  
dies**

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**This leaflet contains information about what to do when a potential brain 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 you with 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.
- make all the necessary arrangements for the donation to take place as soon as possible
- Once the paperwork is in order we will usually arrange transport to the RVI in Newcastle
- Often we ask the undertaker that you have chosen to do this extra journey but it will be at our expense.
- Liaise with the 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 will keep you informed about what is happening if you wish.