

Medical Examiner Southampton (MES)
Hosted by University Hospital Southampton (UHS)
Preparation for Statutory System April 2023

4 January 2023

**To all Primary Care Networks, Practice managers and General Practitioners
Southampton City**

Dear Community Colleagues,

Re: Community Roll Out

The Medical Examiner system will become a statutory requirement by April 2023 when all **non-coronial** deaths will need to have independent and proportionate scrutiny.

At this time we are asking all Southampton City PCNs to start the process of referring/discussing all community and care home deaths with Medical Examiner Southampton (MES). Please see the referral flow chart for guidance and to understand how the process may work. We have been trialling the process across Solent based GP practices, Southampton City North PCN and a few practices across Southampton West. Feedback so far has allowed us to adapt in an endeavour to make the process more efficient.

Our collective aim is to enable a virtual discussion amongst the Medical Examiner (ME) and Medical Examiner Officer (MEO) based on the information received via Ardens template during the 24 hours after your referral. Medical Examiners are senior clinicians, who work within acute trusts supported by Medical Examiners Officers (MEO) providing scrutiny of cases in the 5 days prior to registration.

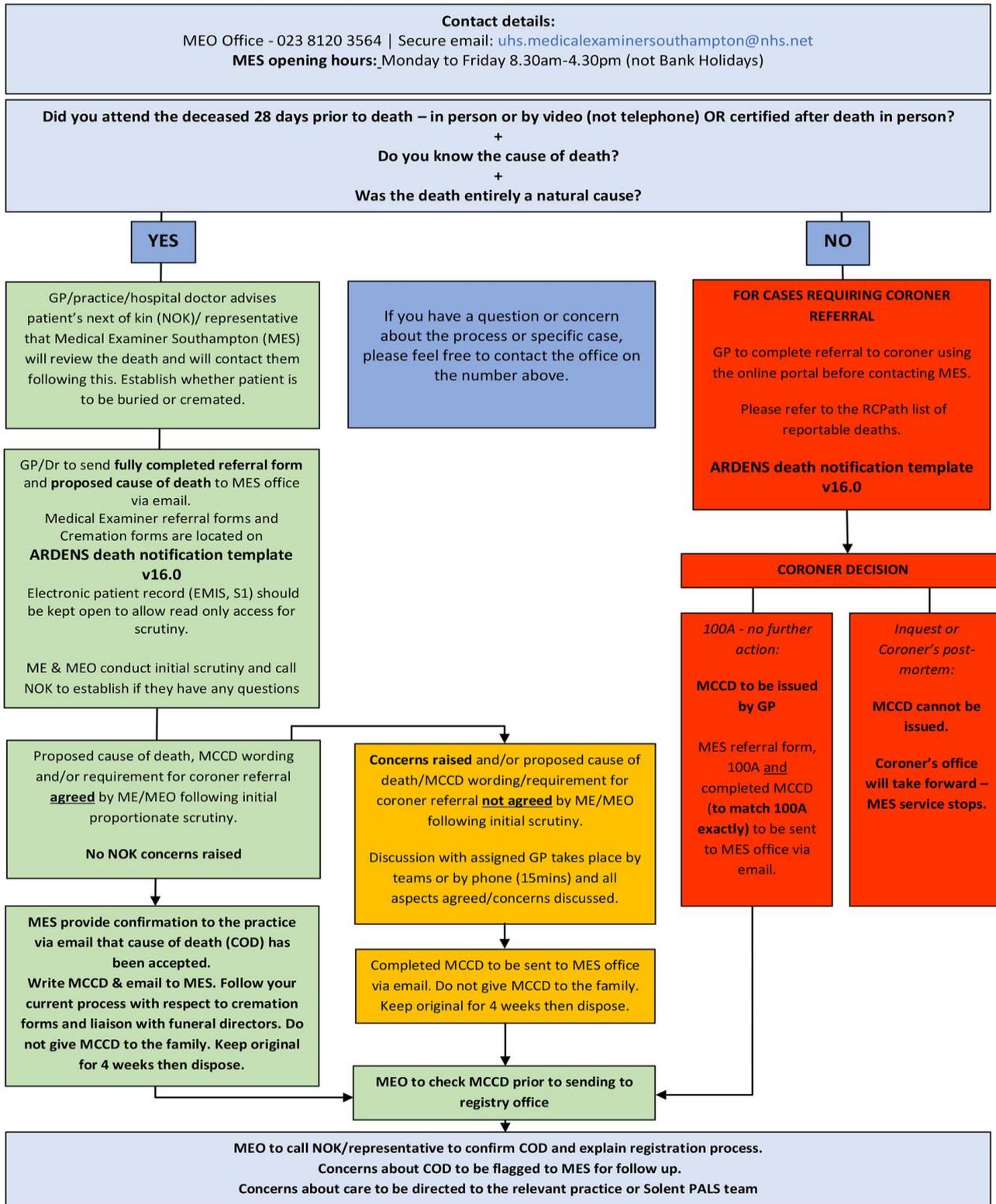
MES - Meet the team

- **CEO and Responsible Officer for MES**
 - Paul Grundy
- **Director of UHS Charities, Patient Experience**
 - Ellis Banfield
- **Head of Patient and Family Relations**
 - Debbie Watson
- **MEO**
 - Clare Mccormick
 - Megan Newman
 - Sarah Rudman
- **Regional Team**
 - **Regional ME**
 - Zoe Helmsley, Consultant Geriatrician, Portsmouth
 - **Regional MEO**
 - Amanda Martin, Portsmouth
- **Registrar of Births and Deaths**
 - Nicky Maynard
- **Crematorium Registrar**
 - Mike Baker
- **Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton Senior Coroner:**
 - Mr Christopher Wilkinson
- **Lead Medical Examiners**
 - Harnish Patel, Consultant Geriatrician
 - Paul Wharton, GP Lordshill Practice
- **Medical Examiners**
 - Sarah Bell, GP, Living Well Practice
 - Lucy Dennison, Specialty Doctor Geriatrics
 - Laura Edwards, GP, Chair of Wessex LMC
 - Jonathan Fennell, Consultant Intensivist
 - Bryan Green, Consultant Histopathologist
 - Suvitesh Luthra, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon
 - Sarah Marshall, Specialty Doctor, Palliative Medicine
 - Nick Maskery, Consultant Emergency Care
 - Tom Pierce, Consultant Intensivist, CICU
 - John Pappachan, Consultant Intensivist, PICU
 - Sarah Robinson, Consultant Emergency Care
 - David Sparkes, Consultant Intensivist
 - Robert Wheeler, Consultant Paediatric Surgeon
 - Philip White, GP Urgent Care

Community MES Referral

Community MES referral Ver. 4 [030123]

Medical Examiner Southampton (MES) Community Death Reporting: Southampton City, Solent NHS Trust and Hampshire



Please can we ask all practices to locate the Ardens template and respective referral forms, discuss start dates within your individual practices/PCN and then inform MES when you intend to start referring in. We understand that the process is new, for all of us. However, one advantage of starting to come on board now is to improve the process by feedback so that we can collectively ensure that it is not only time efficient but comprehensive.

Thank you for your collective consideration, please do ask the team if you have any questions.



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For reference:
Royal College of Pathologists Cause of Death List