

## The Medical Examiner Process Information for Public

**From Monday 9 September 2024** all deaths will need to be discussed with, or reviewed by, a **Medical Examiner (unless referred to the Coroner)**

- Medical Examiners are senior doctors (working either as a GP or in one of Leicester's Hospitals)
- Medical Examiners (MEs) provide independent opinions on causes of death and care received
- MEs and Medical Examiner Officers (MEOs) allow families to ask questions or share concerns:
- MEs look at relevant medical records of the deceased and may also speak to the doctor completing the Death Certificate (MCCD) in order agree what should be given as the cause of death
- MEs or MEOs will then call the next of kin (NoK), or other family member/friend to explain the cause of death and answer any questions about this or about the care the person received before they died
- MEOs will send completed MCCDs to the Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths who will then contact the NoK to arrange an appointment within 5 days of receiving the MCCD.

**For more information contact the medical examiner office:**

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