## What to do immediately after death (with nursing) Yes-Is their funeral Does the director in Yesresident want to No Was the Resident expected to Die? Brighton and be cremated? Hove No Start CPR if no **DNACPR** in place Call 999 Is there a member of staff on duty to verify Is it between Nο the death 8am -18.30pm Yes Contact family ·No Yes (Please be aware of family contact Is the resident going Call the GP and wishes) to funeral home in Does the resident have/or has had contact record out of the Brighton with any community health professional \*1 information on and Hove area chart on reverse Yes No Yes Transfer **Complete VoED** resident to local and transfer to funeral home as funeral home as agreed with per Home policy Is it between Is it between family 8am -8pm 8am -18.30pm Yes Yes Complete VoED, if plan is to go out No of area Funeral home transfer resident to local funeral home as Call Residents GP/ Call IC24 by phone agreed with family to await use information to certification by GP be given \*2 Call IPCT (Nurses)

\*1 The resident needs to have been registered with a Community Health Professional.

\*2 If GP needs to verify and/or certify death please ensure you inform at the time of request why.

When calling GP ask for an approximate time scale and complete body check and record charts on the reverse.



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A person needs to be certified not just verified. Verification is the confirmation that someone has died. Certification is needed to be completed by the doctor caring for the person. The GP will need to see the person if they are for cremation, so it is important that the person doesn't leave the local area before this happens.

Once a person dies the body starts to naturally decompose (this process is affected by room temperature). It is therefore important that staff minimise the temperature in the room and make regular checks of the deceased before the body is transferred to a funeral director where there are cold storage facilities.

The form below will give you guidance as to what you should do and what you should look for.

Please ensure you record who you spoke to at the GP and Funeral homes along with family.

|   | Tick or complete as appropriate |
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|   |                                 |
| Date of death   |                                 |
| Time of death   |                                 |
| Windows opened and radiators are off in the resident's bedroom  |                                 |
| GP informed of Certification needed as out of area Funeral<br>Home  |                                 |
| GP has agreed to visit the Home by Time and Date  |                                 |
| If GP can't visit home within 4-6 hours or 2 in the summer months, please call the HUB for advice   |                                 |
| After 18.30 Monday to Friday or anytime over the weekend  |                                 |
| Inform family that the resident will need to be moved to a local funeral home while GP is able to certify. (Ensure the family are aware this will incur a cost to them) |                                 |
| GP has agreed to visit the Home by Time and Date  |                                 |
| If GP can't visit home within 4-6 hours or 2 in the summer months, please call the HUB for advice   |                                 |
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| Body checks to be completed hourly/please record time of checking   |                                 |
| New swelling  |                                 |
| marbling to chest wall with darkened veins  |                                 |
| Greening over abdomen   |                                 |
| Signs of bloating on the body   |                                 |
| Room temperature if known   |                                 |
| Please monitor resident body and contact the Hub if you have any concerns 01273 964164  |                                 |