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2000 Dr Shipman found guilty
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  Improve the quality and accuracy of MCCDs*
  Provide better public health information
  Strengthen clinical governance of deaths

*Medical Certificate of Cause of Death
WHY DCRS


• Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011
  – Replaced older legislation
  – New MCCD form which replaced cremation forms
  – Review of a sample of deaths
  – Requirement to register death before burial
  – Take over repatriations from SG
WHY DCRS

2011 Legislation

2014 August New MCCD

2015 May DCRS starts. Cremations forms stop ££

July electronic links to FER¹

July eMCCD² links to DCRS system

August electronic requests to GP practices for clinical summaries through Gateway

¹Forward Electronic Register registration software

²Electronic MCCD from SCI Gateway
Customer Relationship Management software
WHAT

Customer Relationship Management software
WHAT HAPPENS

Form 11

Registrar

Form 14

DCRS

PF

23% of all registrations
77% of all registrations are randomised

10% of randomised

DCRS

3% of randomised

87% of randomised
WHAT HAPPENS

Level 1
- review of the MCCD alone
- 1 day

Level 2
- review of notes as well
- 3 days
WHAT HAPPENS

Form 14

1
DCRS

2

PF
WHAT HAPPENS – ADVANCED REGISTRATION

Form 11

Registrar

PF

DCRS

1

2
WHAT HAPPENS – ADVANCED REGISTRATION

Advanced Registration

• for religious or cultural reasons
• for compassionate reasons
• for practical or administrative reasons
WHAT HAPPENS – MCCD VIA GATEWAY

1. DCRS

2. Form 14

Gateway

GP

Registrar

PF

Healthcare Improvement Scotland
Producing the eMCCD

• Where to find it
Point to New Message and click on eMCCD

Select Non-NHS Entities | National Records Scotland | Death Certification | eMCCD from the relevant drop down lists
Producing the eMCCD

- Where to find it
- X Box

Extra Information for Statistical Purposes

I may be able to supply the Registrar General with additional information

- Only use if histology or toxicology is awaited
WHAT HAPPENS - GATEWAY

Producing the eMCCD

• Where to find it
• X Box

• When to print it *The family still needs the paper!*
  – “send” the referral then print
  – *Draft* ✗
  – *Duplicate* ✓
Producing the eMCCD

- Where to find it
- X Box
- When to print it
- Remember to sign it!
The instructions for eMCCD are in Release notes for version 19 of SCI Gateway.
DCRS can request records from a practice.

These messages can be work flowed as usual.
There is no reply function for these messages.
You need to generate another “referral”
Point to Message and click on Additional Death Information.

New Additional Death Information

My Favourites:
- Death Certification Review Service / Additional Death Info DCRS-High

Send to:
- Special Health Boards
- NHS24
- Services
- Death Certification Review Service

Protocol:
- Additional Death Info DCRS-High
Level 2 reviews can also be requested by

- Interested parties
- Registrars

Repatriations are also handled in a similar way

- Funeral directors provide the information
- Level 2 review is also carried out
The team of Medical Reviewers

- ‘senior’ doctors
- Balance of current and former GP’s and current and former consultants (anaesthetist, oncologist, palliative care and public health consultant).
- Most work part time
- Supported by six MR Assistants
Healthcare Improvement Scotland

• Part of the Clinical Directorate.
Over 1700 Certificates Selected For Review

25% MCCDs required email amendments

8% MCCDs required a replacement certificate

In around 9% of reviews Advanced Registration is Requested

60 repatriations

98% of cases dealt with within timescales