

Easy read information

Someone I know has died and they are going to have a funeral

This leaflet tells you about some things that can be helpful if there is a funeral for someone. It can be read with support.



Going to a funeral



It is your choice if you go to a person's funeral or choose not to go to a funeral.



If you choose to go to the person's funeral, you can ask for support.



You can ask someone you know well to explain what will happen at a funeral before you go.



Here are the names of people I could talk to about the funeral.
I could ask them to explain what will happen.



You might want someone to go with you to the funeral.
I would like these people to support me at the funeral.

You may want support for other ways of saying goodbye



Think about ways you would like to remember the person who has died.



Do any of their belongings give you special memories? Are you able to keep any of their belongings?

photos



Do you have any photographs of the person?

music



Do you have any music that reminds you of the person?

ideas



Would you like to make your own way of remembering the person?

park



Do you have somewhere to visit that reminds you of the person?



There is no right or wrong way to remember the person who has died.

Useful resources



Beyond Words Books

These books tell stories of important and often difficult life themes, including death and bereavement, in pictures.

www.booksbeyondwords.co.uk/



Dealing with a Bereavement

The Mencap website has some useful resources for families, carers and people with learning disabilities dealing with bereavement.

It also has an easy-read guide to using GriefChat, a free service where you can talk to a specially trained bereavement counsellor online.

www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/dealing-bereavement



Macmillan Cancer Information and Support

You can access easy read booklets using simple language and

pictures from the Macmillan Cancer Support Website

www.be.macmillan.org.uk/be/s-428-easy-read-titles.aspx



If you want to talk to someone about cancer and your feelings, you can also call Macmillan on **0808 808 00 00**



Respond Helpline

Support people with learning disabilities, their carers, and professionals around any issue of trauma, including bereavement. Helpline: **0808 808 0700**



Cruse Bereavement Care

The national organisation for bereaved people.
Contact Cruse Bereavement Care, Cruse House, 126 Sheen Road, Surrey TW9 1UR.
Helpline: **0808 808 1677**



Local support organisation(s):



Our website

For information about our trust services, or general information on conditions and treatments and organisations offering support, please see our website:

<http://www.tewv.nhs.uk>

This leaflet is one in a series of three:

Leaflet 1: Someone I know is going to die.

Leaflet 2: Someone I know has died.

Leaflet 3: Someone I know has died and they are going to have a funeral.

If you are unhappy about our services...



Please tell a member of staff.



Freephone 0800 052 0219 or



Email tewv.pals@nhs.net.

Feedback

We'd like to know if you thought this information was



- good or bad
- if anything was missing you wanted to know
- if there was anything you didn't understand.

Let a member of your care team know.

Find this information

Staff: Trustwide shared drive > Patient and Carer Information > Trustwide > LD Trustwide information

Patients and carers: Go to our website www.tevv.nhs.uk and search: Someone I know has died and they are going to have a funeral.

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