

ANNEX B

CONSULTATION RESPONSE TEMPLATE FORM

Please remember to return your response along with the Respondent Information Form at **Annex A**

Question 1: Do you agree that the “not staying registration” (expedited) procedure should only apply in situations where there is a clear rationale for a funeral to proceed within a specific timescale?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

Question 2: Do you agree that the role of the registrar is to make informants aware, in response to a request, of the “not staying registration” (expedited) procedure?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

Question 3: Do you agree that there would be value in having a form for informants to complete in circumstances where the “not staying registration” (expedited) procedure is requested?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

A standard form would be much better, and maintains consistency. The form would also need to explain the role of the Registrar and the Medical Reviewer in the process and state that the Medical Reviewer alone makes the decision on whether or not to grant an expedited procedure.

At 5.8 it is stated that “In practice this means that the registrar will complete the registration and issue the **formal extract of death (Form 14)**, which is the legal form required before any funeral can take place.”

Please note:- Form 14 is not a formal extract of death, it is a Certificate Of Registration Of Death (Section 27(1) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965). This certificate must be transmitted either directly or by hand of the undertaker to the person having charge of the place of interment or cremation, previous to the interment or cremation taking place.

Question 4: Do you agree that these proposed timescales will ensure the system will meet the needs of informants in those circumstances where there is a clear rationale for the funeral to proceed within a specific timescale?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

Question 5: Do you agree that it would be useful to set down in Guidance, and on the proposed form, the sort of categories where it may be appropriate to request that registration is not stayed (expedited procedure)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

Question 6: Do you agree with these categories, and is there anything additional that should be added?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

6.5 ii Not staying registration for **Compassionate reasons** – for example, in the death of a child under 16 years or a stillbirth where a delay may cause significant additional distress. My understanding is that Still births are not part of the review procedure?

Question 7: Do you agree that these approaches are sensible? Is there anything else that should be considered in relation to guidance around the procedure not to stay registration (expedited procedure)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

Additional Comments:

Clear consistent information and defined categories of what grounds may merit a not staying registration (expedited procedure)

