

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:

Registrars will play their role in advising the public of the expedited procedure. There should, however, be consistency of approach and clear advice on what should be said. It would also be hoped that an informant would be aware of the whole procedure prior to attending the office through guidance issued along with the Form 11.

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:

It is important that there is a form to complete and it should be as straightforward as possible. Having the form removes the responsibility from the Registrar in the decision making process. There also has to be a consistent approach and criteria, which a form would provide. We would imagine that the informant would need to sign the form if it was to be completed manually or electronically – it could perhaps be incorporated into the FER system.

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:

During normal day to day business, we are confident that it would meet the relevant timescales. Where there are religious and cultural reasons for a funeral to take place without delay then consideration must be given to situations that occur on weekends and public holidays to ensure that Medical Reviewers are available to assist with the expedited procedure.

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:

Guidance on the form would be particularly useful for all parties to the procedure, particularly so for the informant of the death. This would also further emphasise the role of the registrar as that of facilitator in the process rather than decision maker.

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:

The categories provided meet the most common situations whereby an expedited process would be required. Additions may need to be added at a later date when through practice other situations not currently accounted for may need to be added to the current list.

As we understand it, Stillbirths are not currently part of this process although they are mentioned on the notes to this document.

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:

Expectations have to be made clear to all who will be involved in this process. This would also need to take the form of a major public relations exercise.

The work of the Registrar should not be expected to increase by any significance through the introduction of this process