

Regulation of the Funeral Industry

83a Would regulation of the funeral industry be beneficial?

No

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More expense

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This will deny individuals the possibility of arranging the funeral of a loved one themselves. Not all deaths require a body to be in a mortuary or to be embalmed. Not everyone wants the deceased to be removed from their home as soon as possible. You should not underestimate the healing power of taking control of the

funeral process for the bereaved. Ken West who was the Bereavement Services Manager at Carlisle during the '90's, understood this and actively promoted DIY funerals. Through his patient help and advice, I was able to help friends have the funeral they wanted for their loved ones - a deeply moving process.

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84b Do the examples given from other jurisdictions provide useful models, ranging from a fully licensed system to a process of self-regulation?

Don't Know

85 Do you agree that an additional inspector role, separate from the Inspector of Crematoria, would be required to support a regulatory regime?

Don't Know

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Funeral Poverty

86 Do you agree with the proposal that Local Authorities should have a legal duty to ensure that their up-to-date burial and cremation costs are published on their website in clear and accessible way?

Yes

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87 Should Local Authorities be required by law to charge funeral costs on a cost-recovery basis only?

Don't Know

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There are no fees for bringing life into this world, it does seem strange that there are fees when we leave it. Apart from massive funeral costs, doctors charge +/- £80 x 2 to complete cremation forms, perpetuating the notion that handling the dead is dirty work instead of an honour.