

Navigating Death Certification, Reporting to the Procurator Fiscal and Death Registration: A Masterclass Webinar Series

Date	Sessions Title / Description	Presenter/s
Thursday 19 November 2026 13:00 – 14:00	Reporting to the Procurator Fiscal: Understanding what to report, when and how Join experts from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and forensic pathology for a practical exploration of when deaths should, and should not, be reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Using real-world case studies, the session will examine common challenges, share lessons from practice, and provide top tips. Delegates will also gain an understanding of how death investigation differs across the UK and the distinctive features of the Scottish system.	Matthew Kerr Procurator Fiscal Depute The Scottish Fatalities Investigation Unit (SFIU) Dr Theodore Estrin-Serlui ST5 Forensic Histopathology Registrar NHS Lothian
Thursday 26 November 2026 18:30 – 19:30	Death Certification Masterclass: Completing the MCCD and navigating the review process This interactive masterclass will use real-world clinical scenarios and case-based discussion to explore the challenges doctors commonly encounter when completing the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD). Working through a range of practical examples, delegates will consider how best to approach complex situations and explore topics such as deaths where faith practices require rapid burial and the Interested Person Review process. Relevant to doctors of all grades and levels of experience, the session will support ongoing learning, reinforce best practice, and help clinicians approach death certification with greater confidence and consistency.	Dr Rosie Conway Medical Reviewer Death Certification Review Service Healthcare Improvement Scotland
Thursday 3 December 2026 13:00 – 14:00	Registration of Death: Supporting best practice beyond MCCD completion Completing the MCCD is not the end of the process, and understanding what happens next can help avoid delays, prevent unnecessary distress for families, and support timely and accurate registration of death. This session will explore the practical steps that follow certification, highlight common issues and misconceptions, and explain how errors or omissions can sometimes result in concerns being identified later by registrars, including cases that may require	Carolyn Nickels Head of Registration National Records of Scotland Gillian Jackson Registration Training Manager National Records of Scotland

	reporting to the Procurator Fiscal. Through a greater understanding of the registration process, delegates will gain valuable insight into how their actions can influence the experience of families and colleagues, making this an essential session for anyone involved in care at the end of life.	
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