HOW TO CONTACT THE CORONER?

Outside office hours, the Coroner's Office can be notified of the death by telephone or email; they will then revert to the doctor to discuss the death.

Email

Notifying the Coroner's Office of a death can be done by e-mail. A downloadable form is available which can be completed and e-mailed to the death reporting team, they will then call you back to discuss in more detail.

https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/justice/Death-Reporting.pdf

https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/justice/Death-Reporting-GPs.pdf

Email: <u>Coronersoffice@courtsni.gov.uk</u>

deathreportingteam@courtsni.gov.uk

Telephone

Telephone: 0300 200 7811 (answering machine out of hours)

Fax: 028 9044 6801

Outside normal office hours a recorded message will provide contact details for the duty Coroner or messages may be left on the telephone answering machine.

The death reporting team at the Coroner's Office do not have a medical background, so please avoid abbreviations and provide explanations of investigations or procedures as necessary. If the case is of a complex medical nature, you may be referred to the Coroner's Medical Advisor for discussion of the case.

The office of the Coroners Service for Northern Ireland is at:

Legacy and Coronial Services, Laganside House 23-27 Oxford Street Belfast BT1 3LA

The office is staffed:

- o weekdays 09.00 16.30
- weekends and public holidays 09.30am 12.00md (except Christmas Day when the office is closed)

Further information

Doctors should also be familiar with the,

General Medical Council guidance 'Good Medical Practice'

Coroners Service publication 'Working with the Coroners Service for Northern Ireland'.