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Subject: Reportable Deaths

Dear all

In 2016 reported deaths in Cheshire numbered **5564**. A significant number of those would have been dealt with as a Form A.

For many years in Cheshire a booklet titled *Practice Directions for Doctors* has been produced periodically. The booklet is sent to doctors. It contains a list of 'Reportable Deaths in Cheshire.' There are **23** specific categories.

The Chief Coroner has issued guidance on the categories of death which should be reported to Coroners (Chief Coroner's Guidance No.23). He aims to achieve consistency across Coroner Areas. His guidance contains **12** specific categories.

I intend to adopt the categories in the Chief Coroner's Guidance for use in Cheshire. I will be informing the hospitals, hospices and GPs very shortly.

There will no doubt be a transitional period while doctors get used to which deaths need to be reported and which do not. Cases which are reported when there is no need will likely be treated as a NFA. We will develop a system for NFAs.

I will let you all know when the new procedure is to start. This will be once I have written to all the doctors. Detailed guidance will be issued at that time. This email is just to inform you what is going to happen and why.

Separately, we will be looking closely at way we *process* Form A cases. Our administrative procedures - which currently require a phone call to the Coroner, faxes etc. - could probably be simplified. More to follow.

Kind regards

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