

Create a medical certificate of cause of death

A design history

Prototype version 9

Link to prototype: [GOV.UK page template - Medical Certificate of Cause of Death - GOV.UK Prototype Kit \(mccd-govuk.herokuapp.com\)](https://mccd-govuk.herokuapp.com)

The medical examiner MCCD summary page (as of 30/10/2023)

The declaration as of (version 7) 20/10/2023

Medical examiner declaration

- ☐ I am a duly appointed medical examiner and following scrutiny I confirm that the cause of death is as stated on the certificate.
- ☒ I am a duly appointed medical examiner and following scrutiny I have provided suggestions about the cause of death stated on the certificate.

Provide suggestions and details about your decision

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The declaration as of 30/10/2023

Useability research

This declaration sparked a lot of discussion.

Some people were confused by the second part of the declaration which reads *'I am a duly appointed medical examiner and following scrutiny I've provided suggestions about the cause of death stated on the certificate'*. Research shows that in practise, scrutiny has already happened, and the ME has already recorded their suggestions within their own established systems. Adding

suggestions within this screen was an additional record and duplicated work already done. This led to confusion over its purpose – was it suggesting that scrutiny should be completed here?

A lot of feedback led to the understanding that they expected to stick to their current practises.

The declaration also sparked reflection in many participants. In a hospital situation the feedback was that the medical examiner office saw the MCCD and checked it off before it got sent to the registrar, this wasn't necessarily what happened for GPs. GPs would refer the MCCD through their own established processes such as System One, or an email or another mechanism that they would use to propose the cause of death. They would have a discussion with the MEs and then write the MCCD. One ME commented that the summary page would give them more visibility into the GP and the community based MCCDs.

Many did not expect the MCCD to be checked by the ME and that this would be done by the MEO.

Design iteration 30/10/2023

Medical examiner declaration

- ☐ Approve certificate
- ☐ Reject certificate

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Medical examiner declaration

- ☐ Approve certificate
- ☒ Reject certificate

Provide reason for rejection

Include any amends required for the attending practitioner to review as well as further discussions to be had if needed

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This design iteration follows the question protocol.

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