Medical certificate of cause of death

Content style guide

Medical certificate of cause of death (MCCD)

Sentence case. Write out in full, followed by the acronym in brackets, the first time you use it on a page. Then use 'MCCD' within the same piece of content afterwards.

medical examiner

Lower case.

Medical Examiner Office – Manage my caseload (ME)

Upper case

medical examiner office

Lower case. Don't abbreviate as it can easily get confused with medical examiner officer.

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the deceased person

GDS recommends 'the person who has died' – we're using 'the deceased person' as it's a term that healthcare professionals are familiar with.

the registrar

Lower case

Past tense

Refer to the deceased person in the past tense, for example:

What was the deceased person's date of birth?

What was the deceased person's age?

Place

Use 'place' rather than 'location' when referring to place of birth or place of death.

Proposed cause of death / cause of death

Use 'proposed cause of death' up until it's been scrutinised. Use cause of death after scrutiny.