**Process for referring Non-Acute Deaths to Stockport, High Peak and East Cheshire Medical Examiner’s Office**

Patient dies within community / hospice

Yes

Police involved/suspicious circumstances/ coroner referral

No

No remit for Medical Examiner’s Office, GP Surgery to ensure Police / Coroner are aware

Qualifying Attending Practitioner (QAP) sends the Summary of Death Certification and copy of the patient’s Electronic GP Summary to Medical Examiner’s Office at: Medicalexaminers.office@stockport.nhs.uk

This must be received ASAP and at the latest by 2pm the next working day

Where the QAP is not available then another doctor can complete the summary but a doctor who saw the patient alive must be identified & listed on the summary

Medical Examiner carries out proportional scrutiny of records

Medical Examiner’s office gives the NOK an opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns and prepares file

Requirement to refer death to Coroner identified / confirmed and QAP emailed by Medical Examiner’s Office to inform them to refer to Coroner via existing protocols

Natural Cause of Death Established – Medical Examiner will liaise with the QAP regarding suggested changes, if any, to the cause of death and the wording of the MCCD is agreed. This will be confirmed by email to the QAP.

GP Surgery emails scanned copy of MCCD to Registrar ’s Office by email and copy to Medicalexaminers.office@stockport.nhs.uk

QAP completes MCCD with agreed cause of death

Medical Examiner’s office informs NOK finalised cause of death and opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns

Medical Examiner’s Office issues case reference number

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