

A Guide - Resident who dies whilst under a DoLS (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards) – Involvement of HM Coroner

- Any resident who dies whilst under a DoLS will need to have an inquest even when the death is as a result of natural causes
- If the death is expected and/or due to **natural causes** the body can be released to the appointed funeral director as long as a GP would be in a position to issue a certificate, for example when there is no other reason that the death needs reporting such as falls, surgery etc.
- Form 12 - Notification to HM Coroner must be completed and forwarded as soon as possible to ensure that the required steps are completed and that there is minimal impact on the family.
- An identification needs to be completed (Standard form provided) by the attending GP or care home staff/NOK if present.

Please follow the guidance below for ease of reference

