

Islamic guidelines on when a person passes away



1 As soon as a person dies their eyes should be gently closed.



2 Gently press the chin upwards while holding the top of the head, a strip of cotton cloth or bandage should be tied firmly under the chin and around the head.



3 Remove any jewellery such as rings, necklaces, anklets, bracelets, earrings nose studs, also dentures if possible.



4 Straighten the limbs carefully and gently. If they do not straighten (i.e. due to a stroke) do not force them, as this could cause breakage.



5 Place the feet together & bind the ankles or toes together using a piece of cotton cloth or bandage.



6 If in the hospital, ask the nurses to remove any cannulas, catheters, or any such attachments from the deceased, once all formalities have been completed the deceased should be placed in a body bag and arrange to transfer to mortuary.



7 Do not cut nails or remove any unwanted hair from the dead body. Cover the body with a clean sheet. Contact the GMBC team who will take care of all arrangements and formalities, including liaising with the Hospital, GP, Coroner, & Registrar for release to proceed with arrangements for the burial.



8 The burial team will make all arrangements including collecting the deceased, assisting with the Ghusal, death registration, burial and if needed liaising with the Coroners.



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MOST IMPORTANTLY PLEASE DO NOT PANIC.

PANICKING WILL NOT RESOLVE ANYTHING OR SPEED UP ANY PROCESS

Please note: if anyone is terminal or given a limited time to live, please try and get the GP to visit the person at least once every 28 days. This will prevent any delays from the GP when signing the MCCD death certificate

