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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 1629**

**The Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013**

**PART 2**

**General**

**Coroner availability for urgent matters**

4. A coroner must be available at all times to address matters relating to an investigation into a death which must be dealt with immediately and cannot wait until the next working day.

**Register of reported deaths**

5.—(1) The senior coroner must keep a register of all deaths reported in his or her coroner area.

(2) The senior coroner must record in the register, the following information, when known—

- (a) the date on which a death was reported under section 1;
- (b) the deceased's full name, gender, age and full address;
- (c) any other information that aids the identification of the deceased; and
- (d) the place of death or, if that is unknown, the place where the body was found.

**Informing the deceased's next of kin or personal representative**

6. A coroner who is under a duty to investigate a death under section 1, must attempt to identify the deceased's next of kin or personal representative and inform that person, if identified, of the coroner's decision to begin an investigation.

**Delegation of administrative functions**

7. A coroner may delegate administrative, but not judicial functions, to coroner's officers and other support staff.

**Providing information to the registrar of births and deaths**

8. Where a coroner suspends an investigation under paragraph 1, 2, 3 or 5 of Schedule 1 the coroner must provide the registrar of births and deaths with the particulars required to register the death under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953(1).

**Interim certificate of fact of death**

9.—(1) Where a coroner has begun but not yet completed or discontinued an investigation, he or she may, if requested to do so by the next of kin or personal representative of the deceased, provide that person with a certificate of the fact of death.

- (2) A coroner must use Form 1 when issuing a certificate of the fact of death.

**Resumption of investigation**

**10.** Where a coroner resumes a suspended investigation in accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule 1, the coroner must notify—

- (a) The next of kin or personal representative of the deceased; and
  - (b) any other interested persons who have made themselves known to the coroner,
- of the resumption and the reason for the resumption of the investigation.