
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013

PART 5

Powers in relation to bodies

Release of bodies

20.—(1) A coroner must release the body for burial or cremation as soon as is reasonably practicable.

(2) Where a coroner cannot release the body within 28 days of being made aware that the body is within his or her area, the coroner must notify the next of kin or personal representative of the deceased of the reason for the delay.

Burial or cremation order

21.—(1) A coroner may only issue an order authorising the burial or cremation of a body where the coroner no longer needs to retain the body for the purposes of the investigation.

(2) A coroner must use Form 3 when issuing an order to bury a body.

Exhumation

22.—(1) A coroner may issue a direction to exhume a body lying within England and Wales.

(2) Where such a direction is made the coroner must use Form 4.