

Information on Funerals without a Funeral Director

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It is often assumed, quite wrongly, that funerals can be completed only with the use of a funeral director.

Although a funeral director will be invited to organise the majority of funerals, some people prefer to organise funerals themselves. The details in the individual sections of the Charter give sufficient information to achieve this.

The funeral director if required organises the funeral by collecting and removing the body, arranging embalming and viewing of the deceased, providing a coffin, hearse and ensuring that statutory certificates and other information is relayed to the cemetery or crematorium. Liaising with the cemetery or crematorium office regarding the service in the chapel or at the grave side. Carrying out these services relieves the bereaved from doing what they feel unpleasant and difficult tasks at a difficult time.

Some people do not wish to use a funeral director. This can be for a wide variety of reasons. They may feel that passing the body of a loved one over to strangers is wrong. Some feel that personally organising the funeral is their final tribute to the deceased person. Others may simply wish to save money by doing everything themselves.

The bereaved family can handle the entire funeral and Islington and Camden Cemetery Services are able to assist in facilitating this. Such a funeral is referred to as 'Family arranged', rather than the possibly offensive term 'DIY' funeral.