

Useful Telephone Numbers

G.P. Practice:

District Nursing Team:

Out of Hours District Nurses:
0161 622 1719

Go-to-Doc:
0161 785 0805

Macmillan Nurse Team:
0161 778 5918

Specialist Nurse:

DR Kershaws Hospice:
0161 624 2727

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Oldham Bereavement Service:
0161 627 2902

Welfare Rights Service:
0161 628 2271

Social Services:

Failsworth: **0161 683 2900**

Royton: **0161 911 3730**

Crompton: **01706 842461**

Metropolitan House: **0161 911 4800**

Link Centre: **0161 911 4799**

Oldham Registrars Office:

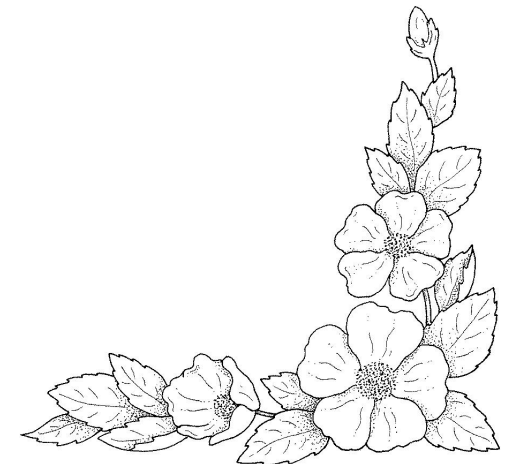
Enquiries: **0161 678 0137**

Appointments: **0161 911 3708**
Open 9am – 4pm



**Advice for those caring
for someone nearing
the end of their life.**

*At this difficult time we hope
you find this information
useful.*



Things for you as a carer to consider

First of all consider where the person you are caring for wishes to spend their last days of life. Have they made this known to you? If so and their choice is at home, inform your GP or district nurse and they will respect these wishes by providing and organising adequate support for all of you.

What to do in an emergency

To prevent a potentially stressful and upsetting hospital admission, telephone your GP or district nurse should a situation arise that you are uncomfortable with. This may be a natural progression of the illness. However, if you feel it is indeed an emergency situation, then telephone 999.

What to do and expect when the person you are caring for dies.

Inform your GP or the on-call GP (if out of hours) who will then visit to confirm death. The patient's own GP will normally issue a death certificate on the next working day. If however, death is confirmed by a doctor who is not the deceased's GP, the procedure will be a little different. In these cases the police will visit and inform the coroner. Do not be worried or alarmed as this is normal procedure when someone dies out of normal surgery hours and is not known to the doctor who attends.

The coroners office will arrange for the deceased to go to a chapel of rest at the hospital. You can still advise your chosen funeral director but they will only become involved once the coroner has accepted that a death certificate can be issued - normally on the next working day.

If death has been confirmed by the patient's own GP the coroner does not need to become involved and you may then contact the funeral director of your choice.

We do encourage you to discuss in advance with relatives and significant others the choice of funeral directors.

The funeral director will help you make all the necessary arrangements as well as providing support.

The funeral directors' telephone numbers can be found listed under 'funeral directors' in yellow pages and Thompsons' local directory.