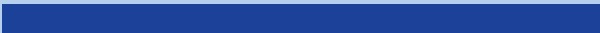


Information on the

Torbay & South Devon Coroner

This leaflet provides basic contact details of people involved in death certification and investigation. We hope the information will help you cope with the practical aspects involved following your bereavement.





A death is usually reported to the Coroner if it is sudden or unexpected or if the doctor is unable to issue a certificate. The Coroner is then responsible for establishing the cause of death and considering whether to order a post mortem and/or hold an inquest. The Coroner is helped by his/her officer, one of whom will contact you shortly.

The Coroner's Officers

The Coroner's Officers for Torbay and South Devon are in Torquay and are contactable at:

Torbay Hospital
Lawes Bridge
Torquay
TQ2 7AA
Tel: 01803 655255
01803 655205

Office Hours:

8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

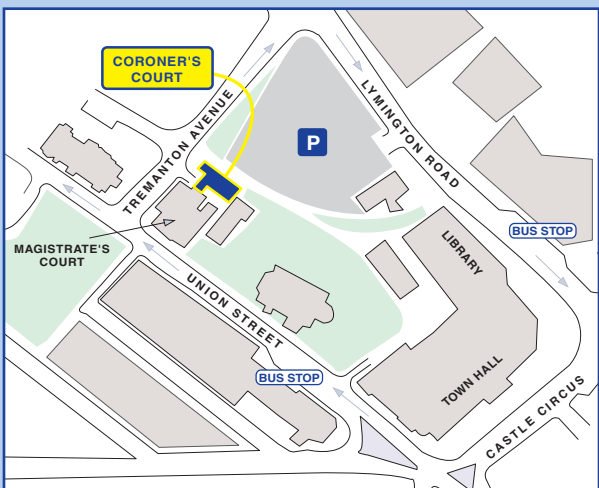
Out of Office Hours:

Please contact Devon and Cornwall
Police - tel: 08452 777444



Coroner's Court Hearings

The Coroner's Courts are held in Torquay for Torbay deaths and in the nearest convenient Court if the death is in South Hams or Teignbridge. The Coroner's Court in Torquay is at Tremanton Avenue, Torquay.



Facilities available at Court are:

- Toilet facilities
- Disabled facilities can be made available, please let the Coroner's Officers know of your requirements.



Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages

The Registrar for Torbay is at Oldway,
Paignton (Tel: 01803 207130)

The Registrar for South Hams is at
Follaton House, Old Plymouth Road,
Totnes (Tel: 01803 861234)

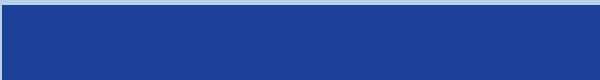
The Registrar for Teignbridge is at 15
Devon Square, Newton Abbot (Tel:
01626 206341)

Relatives are advised to phone the
Registrar in advance to make an
appointment.

Train information

There are train stations at Torquay,
Newton Abbot, Totnes and
Teignmouth.

National Railways Telephone Enquiry
Centre: 0345 484950



Support Groups

If you feel you need further advice or help the following organisations may be useful.

- **The National Association of Bereavement Services** gives support and information to bereaved people.
Tel: 010 7709 9090 (24 hrs, with answerphone)
- **Cruse - Bereavement Care** 180 branches and nearly 7,000 volunteers provide a nationwide service of the highest standard of emotional support, counselling and information to anyone bereaved by death, regardless of age, race or belief.
Bereavement Line: 0845 758 55 65
- **The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death and Support)** supports the families of a baby who has died suddenly and unexpectedly.
Cot Death Helpline: 020 7233 2090 (24 hrs)
Email: support@sids.org.uk
Website: www.sids.org.uk/fsid
- **The Samaritans** for someone you can talk to who will give you support. There are over 180 branches which are open 24 hours a day.
Tel: 0845 790 90 90

In addition many GP Surgeries offer counselling and support.

**Further useful information
can be found at:**

www.torbay.gov.uk/coroner



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