

MARGAM JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT & REGISTRAR

6TH FEBRUARY 2015

SECTION B – MATTER FOR INFORMATION

WARDS AFFECTED:

All

DEATH CERTIFICATION

Purpose of Report

To advise Members of a new system of death certification.

Background

A new system of death certification (excluding Coroners cases) involving Medical Examiners scrutinising cause(s) of death as stated by a doctor was planned to be implemented in October 2014. The nature of the process is intended to help in detection of patient safeguarding issues.

As has been expected for some time, further delays have now been formally announced regarding reforms in England and Wales. The reason behind the delay is said to be that the timeline from publishing consultation, putting legislation through parliament and preparatory work for implementation will be interrupted by the General Election this year. Any decision taken by the present government could not tie the hands of an incoming government.

The Department of Health has indicated that it remains fully committed to the reforms but any further work on implementation will be delayed until after the election.

Appendices

None

List of Background Papers

None

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