***Signing Electonic copies of Cremation Form 4*** – an update from Dr G H Barnes, Principal Medical Referee, Parkwood Crematorium

The regulations and advice on completing form 4 have been revised following the arrival of COVID-19 : <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/cremation-forms-and-guidance>

There is a problem with signing electronic forms in some situations where the form has been sent without a usual signature, in the appropriate place on the form. It remains essential that there is a means of identification and confirmation of the author, and there are a number of options available. In order to authenticate a form that does not contain their usual signature,

I ask that the form be sent form their personal NHS mailbox directly to

[parkwood.crematorium@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:parkwood.crematorium@calderdale.gov.uk) with a copy to [Dave.Clay@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:Dave.Clay@calderdale.gov.uk)

(Crematorium Superintendent)

This is a request rather than a direction, as technically you are permitted to use any of the options for electronic verification that are available.

I make the request because we are running into confusion, and authentication is being ignored in some cases. I offer it as a simple solution that is readily understood. If you have any queries please contact either of the addresses above.

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