***Deaths that should be reported to the Coroner*** *– Update from 1st October 2019*

As a result of the Notification of Death Regulations a senior coroner should expect to receive notification of deaths in the following circumstances:

**(a)** the registered medical practitioner suspects that that the person’s death was due to—

(i)poisoning, including by an otherwise benign substance;

(ii)exposure to or contact with a toxic substance;

(iii)the use of a medicinal product, controlled drug or psychoactive substance;

(iv)violence;

(v)trauma or injury;

(vi)self-harm;

(vii)neglect, including self-neglect;

(viii)the person undergoing a treatment or procedure of a medical or similar nature;

or

(ix)an injury or disease attributable to any employment held by the person during the person’s lifetime;

**(b)** the registered medical practitioner suspects that the person’s death was unnatural but does not fall within any of the circumstances listed in sub-paragraph (a);

**(c)** the registered medical practitioner—

(i)is an attending medical practitioner required to sign a certificate of cause of death in relation to the deceased person; but

(ii)despite taking reasonable steps to determine the cause of death, considers that the cause of death is unknown;

**(d)** the registered medical practitioner suspects that the person died while in custody or otherwise in state detention;

**(e)** the registered medical practitioner reasonably believes that there is no attending medical practitioner required to sign a certificate of cause of death in relation to the deceased person;

**(f)** the registered medical practitioner reasonably believes that—

(i)an attending medical practitioner is required to sign a certificate of cause of death in relation to the deceased person; but

(ii)the attending medical practitioner is not available within a reasonable time of the person’s death to sign the certificate of cause of death;

**(g)** the registered medical practitioner, after taking reasonable steps to ascertain the identity of the deceased person, is unable to do so.