

## APPENDIX 3 COMPETENCIES AND SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Competencies required of the Registered Healthcare Professional (RHCP) Confirming Death.  
Self directed learning and reflection

Name	Designation	Service	Base	Competency statement	Self directed learning activities and resources	Learners Notes and reflection on learning	Date/ signature of learner & assessor
				1. The RHCP can discuss the responsibilities and accountability in undertaking Confirmation of Death in relation to their professional Code (NMC, HCPC, GMC).	Read the Policy and reflect on the role of the Registered Healthcare Professional to confirm death. <a href="https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/28674/coronavirus-covid-19/death-and-bereavement">https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/28674/coronavirus-covid-19/death-and-bereavement</a>  Read your professional Code and identify the sections that relate to Confirmation of Death.		
				2. Can clearly define the difference between confirmation of death and certification of death.	For further information visit the NES website Support Around Death. This resource aims to support healthcare professionals who are working with individuals and families before and after death. It provides key information on the clinical, legislative and practical issues involved. <a href="http://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/">http://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/</a>		
				3. Can discuss criteria or circumstances that might require referral to the Procurator Fiscal or require Police involvement and the essential communication with the GP or responsible Medical Practitioner.	Refer to Policy Section  For further information please read the guidance document.  <a href="https://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Documents/Publications/Reporting%20Deaths%20to%20the%20Procurator%20Fiscal/Reporting%20Deaths%20to%20the%20Procurator%20Fiscal%20-%20Info%20for%20Medical%20Practitioners%20May%2019.pdf">https://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Documents/Publications/Reporting%20Deaths%20to%20the%20Procurator%20Fiscal/Reporting%20Deaths%20to%20the%20Procurator%20Fiscal%20-%20Info%20for%20Medical%20Practitioners%20May%2019.pdf</a>		
				4. Accurately describes and completes the documentation	Refer to Policy and Appendix 1 Watch the NES video that explains the process of confirmation of death		

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<p>requirements prior to and following the confirmation of death.</p> <p>5. Correctly performs the clinical examination required to confirm death.</p> <p>The Registered Healthcare Professional confirming death should observe the person for a minimum of 5 minutes and must ascertain beyond doubt each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Absence of carotid pulse over one minute.</li> <li>▪ Absence of heart sounds over one minute.</li> <li>▪ Absence of respiratory sounds over one minute.</li> <li>▪ No response to painful stimulus (trapezius squeeze)</li> <li>▪ Fixed dilated pupils unresponsive to bright light.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/atafter-death/confirmation-of-death/">http://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/atafter-death/confirmation-of-death/</a></p> <p>Practice on consenting partner or manikin, using a stethoscope to listen for both heart and breath sounds.</p> <p>Observe the confirmation of death process being undertaken by a Registered Healthcare Professional experienced in confirmation of death if possible – this may have to be undertaken using virtual technology. This may or may not be your assessor.</p> <p>Undertake supervised practice of the clinical examination skills if required to increase confidence.</p>	
<p>6. Can discuss the spiritual and cultural considerations in relation to confirmation of death and provision of care to meet these needs.</p>	<p>Consider the spiritual, religious and cultural needs of the person and their family in relation to confirmation of death.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/bereavement/">http://www.sad.scot.nhs.uk/bereavement/</a></p> <p>Read the guidance document A multi faith resource for Healthcare staff produced by NHS Education for Scotland.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/media/3720/march07finalversions.pdf.pdf">http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/media/3720/march07finalversions.pdf.pdf</a></p>	
<p>7. Correctly identifies who should be contacted to issue medical certificate of cause of death or discussion with procurator fiscal</p>	<p>Refer to Policy Section 5</p>	
<p><b>Printed Name</b></p>	<p><b>Signature &amp; Designation</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Completion</b></p>
<p><b>RHCP</b></p>		
<p><b>Supervisor</b></p>		

The link provides templates for recording CPD and reflective accounts <http://revalidation.nmc.org.uk/download-resources/forms-and-templates>

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