

You may be eligible for help to meet the costs of a funeral. Some people do not leave enough money to pay for even a simple funeral. In England & Wales Bereavement Benefits may be paid to widows/widowers or a civil partner by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), there is no general death grant, but if you are in this situation and you receive a means-tested social security benefit (such as income support) you may be able to get a payment of up to £1500 from your local council to cover the cost of a simple funeral. Even where a funeral payment is made, it may not cover the full cost of the funeral and you may still have to pay the difference. If there is no-one to arrange a funeral the local authority will arrange a simple funeral, if this is the case the public authority may try to recover the costs from the estate of the deceased or their spouse/civil partner.

### **Who do I need to notify:**

As well as notifying those close to the deceased such as extended family and friends you may also need to let a variety of other people know. You may choose to use the ‘**Tell Us Once**’ service as outlined above to notify the main government and local council departments ,however, no such service exists for the private sector but this list will help you keep track of those others you might need to inform. (delete as appropriate).

#### General:

- Friends and Relatives
- Employer / School
- Solicitor / Accountant
- Family Doctor

#### Financial Organisations:

- Bank / Building Society
- Life Insurance Company
- Private Pension Company
- General Insurance Companies - Home Contents/Building, Car etc
- Rental / Loan / Hire Purchase Companies
- Mortgage Provider
- Credit Card Company

#### Utilities and Household:

- Landlord or Local Authority for rental properties / Housing Association
- Private Home Help / Care companies
- TV / Internet Subscriptions
- Utility Companies - Gas, Electric, Water, Telephone.
- Mobile Phone provider
- TV License

#### Other:

- Dentist and other medical providers