



**Vauxhall Community
Law & Information
Centre**

WHAT TO DO AFTER SOMEONE DIES

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Who are we?

Vauxhall Law Centre has been in existence for over 45 years and is based in an area suffering from exceptionally high levels of disadvantage and poverty. The Centre was originally set up as a result of collaboration between local Community Activists, Liverpool City Council, Liverpool Law Society and the John Moores Foundation all of whom remain broadly supportive of the work undertaken at the Centre. The Centre has had many different funders over the years including Liverpool City Council, the Tudor Trust, John Moores Foundation, LCVS, Steve Morgan Foundation, GMB and many others.

The Centre has an excellent reputation for delivering a high quality free legal advice service combatting poverty. We are members of the National Law Centre's Network and provide services accredited to the Advice Quality Service Standard, who independently audit the standards and quality of the work we undertake. We provide advice and support in the Law Centre and by telephone. We advise over 1,500 people per year and also provide representation in over 100 cases at Social Security appeal tribunals.

Our Service Aims

1. Combat social exclusion by raising income levels and helping to control debt levels through legal advice work.
2. Make available to people legal advice and representation to which they would not otherwise have access so that they can better assert their rights.
3. Provide a high quality, independent advice service which is free to users.
4. Reduce poverty and improve people's sense of health and well-being and promote independence for disabled people and their carers through the provision of welfare law advice.
5. Promote equality and the active challenging of discrimination through legal advice and representation.

We have produced this guide as a result of an increased demand in people seeking advice after experiencing a bereavement. It is intended as a guide only. Please feel free to contact us on 0151 482 2540 or advice@vauxhalllawcentre.org.uk. Alternatively complete the enquiry form and a member of our team will get in touch with you.

Bereavement Advice

Local Advice

Liverpool Bereavement Service



07928 890967 (9am to 5pm)
enquiries@liverpoolbereavement.co.uk

The Alder Centre



Bereavement counselling for anyone affected by the death of a child. Appointments can be offered at the centre, as a home visit (Liverpool and surrounding areas) or in outreach clinics.

The Child Death Helpline (www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk/) is a joint initiative with Great Ormond Street Hospital and is staffed by volunteers, all of them bereaved parents.

www.aldercentre.org.uk

0151 252 5117

Honeysuckle Bereavement Service



Provides care for women and their families following pregnancy loss at any gestation, and early neonatal death.

The support offered includes practical guidance, information and emotional support to families, helping to explain some of the formalities involved and guide families through some of the choices that are required at such a difficult time.

www.liverpoolwomens.nhs.uk/patients/honeysuckle-bereavement-service

0151 702 4151

honeysuckle@lwh.nhs.uk

Love Jasmine



Provides bereavement support to families who have lost a child of any age from 24 weeks' gestation.

www.lovejasmine.org.uk

0151 252 3145

enquiries@lovejasmine.org.uk

Further Advice

Government Advice



www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-the-bereaved

The Bereavement Support helpline

0800 731 0469

Bereavement Advice Centre



Useful website with relevant information on what to do when a relative has died in a care home or hospital as well as offering advice on probate, legal procedures, money and tax issues

www.bereavementadvice.org

0800 634 9494 Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm

Cruse Bereavement Care



Provides one to one bereavement support for anyone of any age, regardless of the nature of bereavement and the length of time since the loss

www.cruse.org.uk

www.hopeagain.org.uk

helpline@cruse.org.uk

0808 808 1677

Helpline opening hours: Monday - Friday 9.30am - 5pm (excluding bank holidays) with extended hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to 8pm

Miscarriage Association



Originally founded by people who had experienced miscarriage it continues to provide support and encourage good care by professionals.
01924 200799

www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk

Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (SANDS)



Welcomes calls from anyone affected by a stillbirth or a baby, family, friends or professionals including long after the event.

0808 164 3332

helpline@sands.org.uk

www.sands.org.uk

Child Bereavement UK



A charity that has a dual focus of training professionals who work with families and children affected by a death which also produces excellent resources that can be used by those who are bereaved. This includes families and professionals supporting children affected by the death of an adult or anyone affected by the death of a child.

0800 028 8840

www.childbereavementuk.org

Child Death Helpline



Helpline support for anyone affected by the death of a child, irrespective of the age of the child, the relationship or the length of time since the death.

Provided by Great Ormond Street and Royal Liverpool Children's Hospitals.
0800 282986

Mon-Fri 10:00am - 1pm, Weds only 1pm - 4pm

Every day 7pm - 10pm

www.childdeathhelpline.org

Winston's Wish



Gives support for those caring for children affected by the death of a parent or a sibling and to the children themselves.

08088 020021

www.winstonswish.org.uk

TCF (formerly The Compassionate Friends)



Support by telephone, befriending and local groups for anyone affected by the death of a child.

Please note that this charity supports people irrespective of the age of the child at the time of death i.e. the child may have reached adulthood.

0845 123 2304

Every day of the year 10am - 4pm and 6:30 - 10:30pm

www.tcf.org.uk

Childhood Bereavement Network



Although this organisation is mainly a professional network their website has a good search facility on its front page to allow you to find support services for children in your local area.

020 7843 6309

www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk