NGHED Bereavement Pack

Essential Information

- **Trust wide "What happens now?" booklet**: Contains information about the next steps e.g. speaking to the Medical Examiner, referrals to The Coroner, registering deaths and bereavement support by <u>Cruse</u>
- **Tissue Donation Leaflet**: NGH supports giving the opportunity for all patients who die the option of tissue donation if this is what the patient would have wanted.

Additional Information.

- <u>Sudden</u> **booklet**: Sudden is a national charity supporting the bereaved after a sudden death. The booklet contains practical advice as well as how to contact a support worker.
- Voice Road Harm: support for those bereaved or injured on the roads. Brake is a national charity also offering support to this group.
- Information for children in the household
 - <u>Talking to Children about Dying</u> (Dying Matters)
 - Badgers Parting Gifts for younger children (relevant when an older adult has died, not as good for young deaths)
 - Michael Rosen's Sad Book
 - <u>Pocket Full of Plasters</u> (Winston's Wish) for older children

Personal Mementos

- **Fingerprint:** finger printing kits are available, this includes a self laminating pouch and envelope to present it to the family in.
- Heart in their hand mementos: pairs of hearts have been handmade by volunteers. One is placed in the hand of the deceased and the matching heart given to the family

Property

• **Property bags**: Unless needed for forensic investigation, property can be returned to the next of kin. Soiled items, if wanted by the family, must be wrapped in a plastic property bag. All other property should be presented in a white bags from the EoL drawer, as a more dignified way of presenting their loved one's belongings than the standard carrier bag style property bag.











