



Participants needed for funeral study

Care of the body: what do Experts by Experience expect?

Brief description of study

Funeral care professionals have varying practices regarding how they physically care for people after they have died. This study aims to identify how bereaved people (Experts by Experience) expect people to be cared for after they have died, and to understand their decisions and experiences of spending time with someone after they have died. It is hoped that this knowledge will then be used to support people in the best way possible.

Who is carrying out the research?

The research is being carried out by Full Circle Funerals; an independent Funeral Director based in Yorkshire. The project is supported, and endorsed by, an advisory committee with representatives from the University of York, Leeds Beckett university, ICCM (Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management), the Good Funeral Guide and SAIF (the National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors).

What is involved?

Participating in the study will involve taking part in one interview, either in person or over the telephone (which is likely to take between one and two hours). The interview will ask questions about your ideas, concerns and expectations about how someone is cared for after they have died. We will also ask about how you decided whether to spend time with someone who has died and how you found this experience.

Who can participate?

Anyone aged 18 or over, who has been involved in arranging the funeral of a close relative or friend, is able to take part in the study. The funeral must have taken place in the UK during or before 2019 as we wish to understand people's experiences prior to the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020. Different members of the same family may wish to take part (although their interviews will be carried out separately). Ideally, we would like to include people who have had a range of different experiences and who have different perspectives.

Are there any risks associated with participating?

Some people find that talking about bereavement and funerals makes them feel very emotional and you may find it upsetting to discuss your experiences of arranging and attend the funeral of someone you feel close to. If you do feel upset, or find the interview too difficult, then you are able to withdraw from the study at any point.

**If you are interested in taking part, please contact Sarah on 01943 262626 or sarah@fullcirclefunerals.co.uk
More information can also be found at <https://fullcirclefunerals.co.uk/about-us/research/>**