

Mortuary

FUNCTION/ROLE: To:

- Ensure the process relating to the care of deceased patients from a major emergency is managed appropriately
- Forensic evidence is preserved where appropriate.

ACTIVATION PROCEDURE:

- You will be informed by the Switchboard – Alert level 1.

1. Report to the Hospital emergency Control Centre when you have arrived at the Mortuary. Action Card 35 will be available in the mortuary.
2. Before agreeing to take any deceased casualties from the Major Emergency, approval must be sought in advance from the Hospital Emergency Control Team.
3. Make contact with the HECT /Gardai to identify how many deceased patients are likely to arrive at the Mortuary.
4. With the information provided in 3 above make the necessary arrangement to receive the dead casualties in the Mortuary.
5. Liaise with the Radiology & Pathology Departments as regards the requirements for Forensics work that may be required for each casualty.
6. Establish links with the Coroner's Office to inform them of the situation.
7. Communicate with the Chaplaincy service in the hospital regarding their requirements in relation to the dead casualties.
8. Liaise with the Gardai as regards identification of the Dead casualties.
9. Liaise with the Communications/Press Officer in the hospital as regards media queries relating to the dead casualties.