

<b>12 MORTUARY</b>	<b>Cork University Hospital</b>	<b>ACTION CARD NUMBER</b>
	<b>Mortuary &amp; Bereavement Support Services Manager</b>	<b>12.1</b>

<b>You Report To:</b>	HECT	<b>You Brief:</b>	Mortuary Staff
<b>Overall Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care of the deceased</li> <li>• Maintenance of forensic evidence as required</li> </ul>		

### **IMMEDIATE ACTIONS ON NOTIFICATION/ACTIVATION**

<b>ON ACTIVATION</b>	<b>ON STANDBY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide HECT with information regarding current and available capacity of hospital mortuary.</li> <li>• Hospital mortuary will only receive and manage remains of those that die in hospital.</li> <li>• Liaise with pathologist, chaplains as required.</li> <li>• Liaise HECT, Gardaí Casualty Bureau as appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide HECT with information regarding current and available capacity of hospital mortuary.</li> </ul>

#### **Consider these points**

1. Report to the HECC when you have arrived at the Mortuary. Action Card 12 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 HECT
3. Make contact with the HECT/Gardaí 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 Gardaí 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

In the event of a Major Emergency involving Multiple Fatalities – See Appendix D

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