

3X TEST QUESTIONS

Are you:

① **Male**



② **Female**



③ **Don't know**

0%

Are you from:

① **England**



② **Wales**



③ **Scotland**



④ **Ireland**

0%

⑤ **Other**



Do you work in:

① **Cemeteries**



② **Crematoria**



③ **Both**



④ **Suppliers**



MAIN QUESTIONS

To provide an excellent service to bereaved people, it is vital that those employed in bereavement services have access to accredited training and on-going continuing professional development.

① Agree



② Disagree



Should cemetery and crematorium managers be licensed?

① Yes

48%

② No

52%

If 'yes', should the licence be:

- ① For a five year period, renewable upon proof of continued professional development and/or after a short written examination?



57%

- ② For life without any further assessment of the post holder



43%

To raise standards within the profession, the ICCM should develop model job descriptions and career paths, and actively promote these to employers to ensure consistency in terms and conditions throughout the country.

① **Agree**



② **Disagree**



Should funeral directors be licensed?

① Yes



② No



If Yes should licences be issued by:

① **Self-regulated by NAFD, SAIF**

16%

② **Local authorities**

16%

③ **Central Government/National Scheme**

68%

Are cremation authorities doing enough to protect the environment?

① Yes



② No



If no, which of these initiatives should take priority?

① **Plant more trees**

 6%

② **Target zero emissions**

 62%

③ **Ban the use of plastics in coffin construction**

 28%

④ **Cease burial of cremated remains in containers**

 4%

Is the amount of plastics used in floral tributes excessive and harmful to the environment?

① **Yes**



② **No**



If yes, which of the following initiatives should cremation authorities and the ICCM prioritise?:

- ① Encourage and work with the floristry industry and their suppliers to introduce environmentally friendly products

70%

- ② Ban all plastics from floral tributes at crematoria immediately

22%

- ③ Increase cremation fees to cover appropriate disposal

8%

Should crematoria that cannot comply with environmental legislation:

① **Close completely**

13%

② **Close their crematories, but continue to take services and cremate elsewhere**

68%

③ **Remain open until forced to close**

19%

Approximately 100,000 foetuses are disposed of each year via clinical waste. Should the ICCM:

① Do nothing as foetal remains have no legal status

12%

② Campaign to prevent foetal remains being treated as clinical waste

88%

We now have nationally recognised standards for the safe installation of memorials in cemeteries. Should we consider:

- ① **Extending the range and size of memorials that we allow in our cemeteries to improve choice**



68%

- ② **Keeping memorials small to minimise risk**



32%

The public is concerned with the stability testing of memorials. Should we:

① Ignore this concern as we have legal duties regarding memorial safety

15%

② Reduce the test pressure and not fail so many memorials

15%

③ Introduce an industry licensing scheme for memorial inspectors now

62%

④ Do nothing and take the risk

8%

Should burial authorities continue to charge extra for burial of non-residents because their cemeteries are subsidised by Council Tax payers or should this practice cease?

① Continue to charge extra

55%

② Cease, and everybody pay the same

45%

If continue, should this be on the basis of:

① **Double fees**



② **Triple fees**



③ **Quadruple fees**



④ **True cost of burial**



In terms of the provision of burial space, what level of input have you or your service had into your Unitary Development Plan or other Local Town/Area Plan?

① No input whatsoever

58%

② I/we were consulted but input not included in plan

14%

③ Yes, UDP/Local Town/Area Plan reflects my input to a satisfactory level

28%

Should a national cemeteries inspectorate be established by government?

① Yes



② No



If Yes, and in the instance of serious misdemeanours, should:

- ① An 'improvement notice' only be served by the inspector



69%

- ② An independent government appointed manager be seconded in until all problems are rectified



31%