SECTION 23 - BABY & INFANT CREMATIONS	NB Section 8 concerns Cremations only - do not complete for Burials			
NOTE: The following questions have been added to address the recommendations made in the report of the INFANT CREMATION COMMISSION				
RIGHT 37	It is your right to be able to receive accurate information about the cremation of your baby from the crematorium.			
RIGHT 38	It is your right to expect the crematorium to have a technique in place designed to increase the likelihood of the recovery of ashes.			
Is a register of cremations of Fetuses maintained?	Essential	5		
Are cremations of stillborn babies recorded in the statutory register of cremations?	This is a statutory requirement	5		
Do you agree with this statement: There is no difference between the terms 'ashes' and 'cremated remains' and we offer everything that is left in the cremator at the end of the cremation process to parents.	This was the fundamental issue in the reports of the Infant Cremation Commission and Mortonhall Investigation.	5		
Do you record full information on the disposal of ashes in the register, including location and date of scattering, date of collection and by whom etc?	This is vital information for parents.	5		
Do you have a written cremation procedure designed to maximise the likelihood of the recovery of ashes from individual cremations of babies (fetuses and stillbirths)?	Vital that this procedure is strictly adhered to by all technicians.	5		
	Total for Rights	25		
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ENHANCED SERVICE FEATUR	ES (NOT ESSENTIAL TO CHARTER MEMBERSHIP)		
Have you a published policy on baby and infant cremations that shows a commitment to to the sensitive treatment of babies that respects the wishes of bereaved parents?	This is vital and informs bereaved parents, hospitals and funeral directors of your practice ar procedure. Can be published as a leaflet or on a website.		
Have you a leaflet explaining all options available to bereaved Parents?	This leaflet should be made available to hospitals, funeral directors and bereaved parents to ensure single and consistent advice and information on your service to all concerned.	1	
Do you undertake shared/communal hospital arranged cremations?	Essential in providing a caring service.	1	
Are parents informed of the date and time of a hospital arranged shared cremation?	Informing parents that they can attend at the service is beneficial to their wellbeing and enhances the reputation of your service.		
Do you have a formal agreement with your hospital?	Essential. The terms and conditions of the contract will ensure a consistent approach by both parties and the giving of accurate information and options to bereaved parents.	1	
Do you ensure that you have clear parental consent for the cremation to take place?	In the case of a private individual cremation this must be a parent or person authorised directly by the parent. In the case of hospital arranged individual or shared cremation you must have the written declaration by the designated person from within the hospital that consent has been obtained and is registered at the hospital (See application form in ICCM policy and guidance).	1	
Do you ensure that you have clear written consent to dispose of ashes?	In the case of a private individual cremation this must be from a parent or person authorised directly by the parent. In the case of hospital arranged individual or shared cremation you must have the written authority of the designated person from within the hospital.	1	
Do you have regular meetings with your hospital?	A meeting at least once per year should take place.	1	
Do you use a cremation tray?	The use of a metal tray on which to cremate babies protects the ashes and significantly increases the likelihood of their recovery.	1	
Do you have a formal risk assessment for the use and handling of a cremation tray?	The Commission identified that trays are in use at many crematoria and that health and safety concerns are not valid reasons for not using a tray.	1	
Is your manager in possession of:	These are recommendations in the Commission report. Whilst another qualification is mentioned the ICCM and its accreditation body only has quality control over its own qualifications.		
The ICCM CTTS Intermediate certificate?		1	
The ICCM Certificate in Crematorium Management?		1	
The ICCM Diploma?		1	
Have you a designated babies section of your garden of remembrance?	Essential.	1	
Have you a memorial facility for babies?	Vital aftercare for bereaved parents.	1	
Do you inform bereaved that choose a shared cremations for their baby that they can attend the funeral service?	This can be achieved via close liaison with the hospital.	1	
Do you place ashes of babies in an appropriate container?	Large containers used for adult ashes are not suitable.	1	
Do you allow parents opting for a private cremation to choose a chapel time?	Limiting choice to early morning on the basis of no fee being charged is not appropriate.	1	
	Total for Targets	18	