

## **Mortuaries provided by Bristol City Council - byelaws**

Byelaws made by Bristol City Council pursuant to section 198 of the Public Health Act 1936 for the purposes of ensuring the efficient running of the mortuary at Flax Bourton and any other mortuaries that Bristol City Council may provide in future.

### Commencement

1. These byelaws shall come into operation at the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date of their confirmation by the Secretary of State.

### Application

2. These byelaws shall apply to all mortuaries provided by Bristol City Council.

### Management of the mortuary/mortuaries

3. The council shall publicise on its website the opening hours of the Flax Bourton mortuary (and any other mortuary) and the requirements in terms of notification for the collection of a dead body.
4. For the purposes of ensuring the safe running of any mortuary provided by Bristol City Council, a minimum of two persons from the organisation collecting a dead body shall attend, unless otherwise agreed in advance with the mortuary staff.
5. Persons collecting a dead body from a mortuary provided Bristol City Council shall follow any instructions given by the mortuary staff, including the use of personal protective equipment.

### Storage of deceased after discharge note issued

6. For the purposes of ensuring the efficient running of any mortuary provided by Bristol City Council, any dead body for which a release note has been issued shall be removed as soon as reasonably possible and in any event no later than three working days after the issue of the release note.
7. Should a body not be collected within three working days of the issue of the release note, then the person or organisation collecting the body shall be liable for a daily charge for each day after that third working day, the amount of such charge which shall be publicised on the council's website.

### Penalties

8. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.