

Funerals without a Funeral Director

There is no legal requirement to ask a funeral director organise a funeral although, funeral directors organise the majority of funerals, some people choose to organise the funeral themselves.

The funeral director typically collects and moves the body, arranges the embalming, where necessary, and viewing of the deceased, they will also provide a coffin, hearse and deal with any other requests for the bereaved family. Carrying out these services relieves the bereaved from doing what they may feel are unpleasant and difficult tasks.

There is some sense of respect in making the arrangements and that is why some bereaved families feel that organising the funeral is their final tribute to the deceased. It may be people occasionally feel they would prefer an original and different approach and achieve this by making all the arrangements themselves. Such a funeral is referred to as an independent service.

There is a lot to consider and funeral directors can relieve the bereaved of a fair burden at such a difficult time, however guidance on how to manage your own independent service is provided on the Natural Death Centre's website <http://www.naturaldeath.org.uk/index.php?page=diy-funerals>