

Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed review of Bereavement Services

1. Could the cost of all burials and cremations rise and if so by how much?

Yes, the cost of burials and cremations could rise by up to 9%.

2. Would financial support still be available for residents on certain benefits?

Yes, financial support would still be available to those in receipt of certain benefits. To find out more please visit our [Funeral Costs webpage](#).

3. Would the Council still arrange funerals for those people who have died without any family or friends to arrange a funeral?

Yes, Bolton Council will still arrange funerals for those people who have died without any family or friends, as we are legally obliged to do so.

4. Will weekend or Bank Holiday burials be impacted by this review?

No, weekend and Bank Holiday burials will not be impacted as a result of this review.

5. Would opening times at cemeteries be impacted by this proposal?

No, opening times will remain the same and will not be impacted as a result of this review.

6. Could the cost of cemetery plots increase?

Yes, the cost of cemetery plots may increase as a result of this review.

7. Will the Council still maintain cemetery plots?

Bolton Council does not maintain cemetery plots. Each individual plot is the responsibility of the grave owner.

8. How can I find out more about bereavement services in Bolton?

Further information about Bereavement Service can be accessed by visiting:

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/burials-cremations>.