

## Post Mortem Information Sheet

You have been given this information sheet because you have given consent for your next of kin or relative to have a post mortem performed by staff at University College London Hospital on behalf of the National Prion Clinic. This post mortem may be being performed to help clarify the diagnosis, for research purposes, or a combination of both.

Once your next of kin or relative has died, all you need to do is contact staff at the clinic to let them know the contact details of the funeral directors you have chosen. Someone from the funeral directors or another appointed person can do this if it is more appropriate. Post mortems for people affected by Prion Disease are made a priority and are usually performed between one and four days of the person passing away (although not at weekends). Having a post mortem should not delay the funeral service although we do ask that families do not finalise a date until the post mortem has been organised. It may be possible to have an open casket at the funeral, please contact the clinic if this was not discussed when you gave consent.