Understanding Public Health Act Funerals in the UK Balancing duty and dignity under growing demand

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Information Pack

Everything you need to know about the event and our speakers

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We are delighted to welcome you to the first installment of our PHA series with Julie Dunk, former Chief Executive of ICCM. Throughout 2026, we'll be releasing three more webinars from this series, so keep an eye on your inbox for the next one.

For this session, Julie will explore how local authorities can balance duty and dignity amid rising demand for Public Health Act funerals. This CPD-accredited webinar offers a clear introduction to PHA funerals — covering statutory obligations, ethical considerations, and practical steps to deliver dignified services on tight budgets. Perfect for professionals managing or overseeing PHA funerals, it lays the groundwork for deeper discussions in future sessions.

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Meet your speaker

Julie Dunk

Former Chief Executive

ICCM

Julie started her professional life as an archaeologist, where she developed a particular interest in Victorian cemeteries.

As a result, in the early 1990s, Julie was asked to work on a research project at the University of York, looking at policies for disused burial grounds.

During this research, Julie met many cemetery and crematorium managers who inspired her to change professions.

Julie worked in Cardiff, Lewisham and Bournemouth bereavement services before joining the ICCM in 2008.

Julie was appointed as Chief Executive in 2018, and used to head the ICCM Team of dedicated and hardworking officers whose aim is to improve the provision of bereavement services through training, education, best-practice guidance and consultancies.

Julie has now since retired, however, she continues to share her expertise with professionals and those looking to upskill their knowledge.

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Our Services

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We provide a one-stop shop when applying to the Court of Protection, ensuring you perform your duties effectively and efficiently.

We will:

- Identify the nearest next of kin so they can be notified of the Application
- Carry out a Will search to see if the client has made a Will in the past

Once the Order is granted, we will carry out an Asset search to identify any missing or unknown assets that the client may have, such as pensions, savings, and investments.

Family tree research required for Statutory Will Applications

Finders can assist in constructing P's family tree to confirm next of kin (wherever they are in the world). Our report provides full family contact details enabling you to contact them directly regarding the Application.

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Missing Asset Search

An effective way of discovering missing assets, such as:

- Bank/Building Society Accounts
- Stocks and Shares
- Pensions

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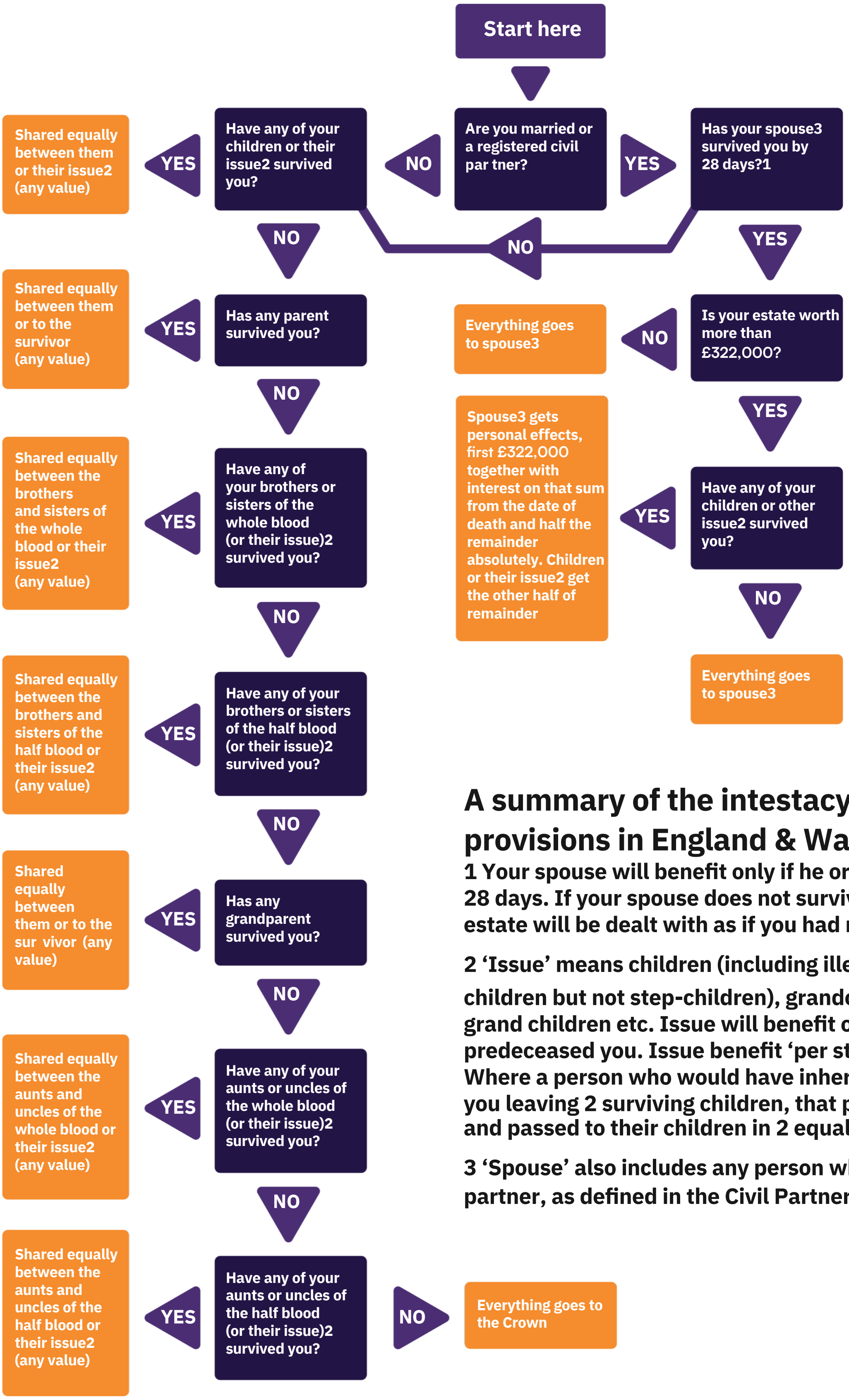
Intestacy Rules England & Wales

What happens if you die without a will?



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Are you married or a registered civil partner?

YES

Has your spouse3 survived you by 28 days?1

YES

Is your estate worth more than £322,000?

NO

Everything goes to spouse3

YES

Have any of your children or other issue2 survived you?

YES

Spouse3 gets personal effects, first £322,000 together with interest on that sum from the date of death and half the remainder absolutely. Children or their issue2 get the other half of remainder

NO

Everything goes to spouse3

NO

Have any of your children or their issue2 survived you?

YES

Shared equally between them or their issue2 (any value)

NO

Has any parent survived you?

YES

Shared equally between them or to the survivor (any value)

NO

Have any of your brothers or sisters of the whole blood (or their issue)2 survived you?

YES

Shared equally between the brothers and sisters of the whole blood or their issue2 (any value)

NO

Have any of your brothers or sisters of the half blood (or their issue)2 survived you?

YES

Shared equally between the brothers and sisters of the half blood or their issue2 (any value)

NO

Has any grandparent survived you?

YES

Shared equally between them or to the survivor (any value)

NO

Have any of your aunts or uncles of the whole blood (or their issue)2 survived you?

YES

Shared equally between the aunts and uncles of the whole blood or their issue2 (any value)

NO

Have any of your aunts or uncles of the half blood (or their issue)2 survived you?

YES

Shared equally between the aunts and uncles of the half blood or their issue2 (any value)

NO

Everything goes to the Crown

A summary of the intestacy provisions in England & Wales

1 Your spouse will benefit only if he or she survives you by 28 days. If your spouse does not survive for this period, your estate will be dealt with as if you had not been married.

2 'Issue' means children (including illegitimate and adopted children but not step-children), grandchildren and great grand children etc. Issue will benefit only if their parent has predeceased you. Issue benefit 'per stirpes' for example: Where a person who would have inherited has predeceased you leaving 2 surviving children, that person's share is divided and passed to their children in 2 equal shares.

3 'Spouse' also includes any person who is registered as a civil partner, as defined in the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

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Thank you for attending!

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