Medical examiner offices at acute trusts now provide independent scrutiny of non-coronial deaths occurring in acute hospitals.  The role of these offices is now being extended to also cover deaths occurring in the community.

Medical examiner offices are led by medical examiners, senior doctors from a range of specialties including general practice, who provide independent scrutiny of deaths not taken at the outset for coroner investigation. They put the bereaved at the centre of processes after the death of a patient, by giving families and next of kin an opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns. Medical examiners carry out a proportionate review of medical records, and liaise with doctors completing the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD).

The York and Scarborough ME office currently reviews around 2300 deaths per year but this will double when community deaths are included by the end of March 2022.

We need to recruit further experienced Doctors from primary care willing to undertake the ME training from MRCPath and join us. Please do keep an eye on NHS Jobs and Track towards the end of the year.

Information is available from NHS England:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/establishing-medical-examiner-system-nhs/>

The Royal College of Pathologists have produced the training programme:

[Become a medical examiner (rcpath.org)](https://www.rcpath.org/profession/medical-examiners/become-a-medical-examiner.html)

[Medical Examiner - e-Learning for Healthcare (e-lfh.org.uk)](https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/medical-examiner/)

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