

Bereavement

is everyone's
business



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UK Commission Bereavement Easy Read Report



Being bereaved is what happens
when someone you know has died
This could be

- family
- a friend
- someone you know well



In 2021 the UK Commission on
Bereavement learnt about how
different people and groups have
been affected when somebody close
to them dies



The UK Commission on Bereavement
looked at information from the last
5 years to learn about bereavement



The UK Commission on Bereavement
has been asking people with learning
disabilities about bereavement and

- how it makes them feel
- what has happened to them



This has helped The UK Commission on Bereavement understand how to help people with learning disabilities

- to understand feelings and loss
- to talk about death and dying



All different groups of people have talked about how the UK will help the economy after the Coronavirus pandemic a lot



These people have **not** talked about how the UK will help people who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic



The UK Commission on Bereavement wants to make talking about death and bereavement easier



There are seven main principles in this report

A principle is a truth or standard that the Commission wants everyone to know and have in place

The principles are



My family and friends and community help me with my bereavement



The professionals who I work with will be helpful and understand my bereavement



I am able to have an affordable and good funeral



I feel safe in my home and have the right financial support

This can be an extra change that is hard for the bereaved person

The Commission wants to make sure that this change happens when the bereaved person is more ready for it



My school or my college or the place where I work understand and care about my bereavement



It is easy for me to get the kind of support for my bereavement that I need that understands my situation



The things that I have to do when somebody dies are easy for me to understand and do



There are five main policy recommendations for the UK government about bereavement

A recommendation is a suggested change

This is usually to help improve things for people.



The policy recommendations are the UK government needs to make a plan for helping people who are bereaved and having feelings of grief.



The plan needs to include things like

- closing bank accounts of people who have died



- helping people who have feelings of grief get the support that they need



The UK Commission on Bereavement is asking for funding so bereaved people have the support they need, when they need it



All schools need to teach children and young people about death and how to help people who are bereaved.



All of the support for people who are bereaved should also be available to everyone even if you are not on benefits



The support should be increased to be as much as the costs of living



Workers should be given two weeks
off work for their bereavement
They should still be paid while they
are away



This leave should cover bereavement
of close relationships

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