

Child Funeral **Fund**



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Sincere sympathy to you, your family and friends affected by this sad loss. This leaflet explains the financial help available for families from the Child Funeral Fund.

About the Child Funeral Fund

The Child Funeral Fund provides a one-off lump sum payment of £3,056 to cover the expense of a funeral in the event of the death of a child under the age of 18, or stillborn after the 24th week of pregnancy.

Eligibility

The Child Funeral Fund is available regardless of the claimant but it is subject to eligibility criteria. The claimant must have accepted responsibility for the funeral costs.

You can get help towards the expenses of a funeral if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

- the child had not reached their 18th birthday at the time of their death
- the child was stillborn after the 24th week of pregnancy
- the funeral takes place in Northern Ireland
- the funeral takes place on or after 1 June 2022
- the claim is made within 6 months of the date of funeral
- you have taken responsibility for the funeral expenses

The payment is paid either directly to the Funeral Director or to you or split between both.

How to claim

Applications can be made by phone by contacting the Bereavement Service on Freephone: **0800 085 2463**. Sign language users can access video relay services via **www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/bereavement-service**

Further information and an application form is available at **www.nidirect.gov.uk/child-funeral-fund**