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ANBG	The Association of Natural Burial Grounds	 The Association of Natural Burial Grounds (ANBG) was established by The Natural Death Centre in 1994. Its aims and objects have remained unchanged. It requires members to comply with a Code of Conduct to provide the public with the assurance of best practice at every member site. ANBG also assists individuals in the process of establishing new natural burial grounds, provides guidance to existing burial ground operators and represent members as a whole.
APCC	Association of Private Crematoria and Cemeteries	The Association traces its roots back to 1924. Today it represents just under 60 crematoria and 11 cemeteries. The prime aim of the Association is to provide quiet surroundings for the bereaved by ensuring that the highest professional standards are applied to every aspect of cremation and cemetery services.
APPCC	The Association of Private Pet Cemeteries & Crematoria	In April 1993 The Association of Private Pet Cemeteries and Crematoria was founded in order to promote companion animal facilities, to set and maintain a code of conduct to ensure quality of service and to have a voice with regard to legislation being introduced.

BCAG	Burial and Cremation Advisory Group	 BCAG advises burial authorities, the public and government on: providing, managing and maintaining burial grounds, including those closed to further burials good burial practice and procedures, including on exhumation possible improvements to policy and legislation It also makes recommendations on future advisory arrangements.
BIE	British Institute of Embalmers	The British Institute of Embalmers was founded in 1927 by 15 Funeral Directors who recognised the need for a separate organisation for the professional embalmer.
BIFD	British Institute of Funeral Directors	BIFD was established in 1982 by a group of funeral directors who believed in education and training for their profession; so that members of the public seeking to use the services of a funeral director should be able to choose wisely and get the best possible professional services on offer. The institute places the professional and educational needs of funeral directors firmly at the centre of its work.

BRAMM	British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons	Set up in 2004 with the aim of establishing a network of nationally accredited businesses and registered fixers that could ultimately replace individual Registration Schemes.
	BRAMM	PRIMARY AIMS:
	British Register of Accredited Memorial Masons	 To establish a recognised uniform standard of workmanship to meet the requirements of BS 8415 in all burial grounds. To ensure that all on the BRAMM Register follow current health and safety guidelines. To ensure that BRAMM businesses give a guarantee of the stability of their memorial. To ensure the Scheme will be effectively policed. To encourage on-going training and education. To promote a closer working relationship between Memorial Masons and Burial Authorities.
BSA	Bereavement Services Association	The BSA was established in May 2005 in an attempt to provide a network for all those who provide bereavement support services, primarily within the NHS.
	Bereavement Services Association	Its aims are:
	C-2	 To provide a national network for those who work in providing bereavement support services.
		 To provide a national forum for discussion and training for those providing bereavement support services, particularly in the NHS.
		 To contribute to the improvement of the quality of bereavement services nationally
		 To raise the profile and seek recognition for the role of those who provide bereavement support services.
		• To raise awareness of the role and availability of bereavement support service.

CAMEO	Crematoria Abatement of Mercury Emissions Organisation	In 2005 Defra introduced a requirement for the cremation industry to remove mercury from 50% of cremations. This target achieves a proportionate response for removing mercury from cremations, whilst not burdening the bereaved with excessive cost. CAMEO was created in 2006 as the lead organisation, providing and managing a national burden sharing scheme.
CANA	The Cremation Association of North America	Founded in 1913, the Cremation Association of North America (CANA) is an international organization of over 3,300 members, composed of funeral homes, cemeteries, crematoria, industry suppliers, consultants and students. The Cremation Association of North America was originally formed to promote the "modern way" and the "safe and hygienic way" of dealing with a dead human body.
CBFS	Council of British Funeral Services	The Council of British Funeral Services (CBFS) is a National Federation of funeral service organisations who are engaged in the provision of products and services related to the funeral sector. Its' objective and purpose is to provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange information within the funeral sector. Membership of the CBFS is diverse and represents all aspects of the Death Care industry.
CCSS	The Coroner's Courts Support Service The Coroners' Courts Support Service	The Coroners' Courts Support Service is a registered charity whose volunteers give emotional and practical support to families and other witnesses attending Inquests at Coroner's Courts.

CFC	Child Funeral Charity	Child Funeral Charity (CFC) assists families financially in England and Wales who have to arrange a funeral for a baby or child aged 16 or under. Whilst many funeral directors, the clergy and most celebrants do not charge fees, there are other funeral related expenses that bereaved parents have to find. Financial support is available from CFC to help with such funeral costs, together with practical advice and guidance.
CFG	Churches' Funerals Group	The Churches' Group on Funeral Services at Cemeteries and Crematoria was formed as an advisory body in 1980 by the mainstream denominations in England and Wales: to coordinate their policies relating to the pastoral and administrative aspects of funeral services and to represent the Churches at the national level in joint discussions with public and private organisations on matters relating to ministry at funerals.
COTS	Cemetery Operatives Training Scheme City Guilds	Health and Safety law places a positive duty upon burial authorities to provide a safe workplace and safe systems of work that will protect the health & safety of any person in a cemetery. The Scheme has been designed by the ICCM to train, assess and certificate operatives in safe working practice and to encourage a process of thought that will assist with accident prevention.
CSGB	The Cremation Society of Great Britain	The Society, a registered charity, was established 141 years ago in 1874. It has been the pioneer of cremation in Great Britain and in 1885 built and operated the UK's first crematorium in Woking. The Society formation has worked to promote and establish the practice of cremation. It has aided both private enterprise and local authorities in the setting up of new crematoria and has pressed the Government departments concerned for developments in the law so that this rational, safe and dignified method of disposal of the dead might be practised in a way that gives the best possible service to the community.

DMAG	Deceased Management Advisory Group Deceased Management Advisory Group	The Deceased Management Advisory Group (DMAG) comprises representatives from across the death management sector. Having been established to tackle the pressing issues faced by the COVID-19 pandemic, DMAG members will continue to work together to develop a consensus approach to the many challenging issues which continue to face the sector.
FBCA	Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities	The Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA) provides services to the owners and operators of cemeteries and crematoria across the whole of the UK. Membership of the Federation is open to all burial and cremation authorities. Currently the FBCA represents approximately 85% of all UK crematoria. The FBCA is a primary link between Government Departments in England Scotland and Wales and Burial and Cremation Authorities throughout the UK and is a provider of accredited training opportunities for those persons working within the service.
FSA	Funeral Suppliers' Association	Established in 1939, the Funeral Suppliers' Association (previously the Funeral Furnishing Manufacturer's Association - FFMA) is the link between manufacturers and suppliers of goods and the end users - the funeral directors and the crematoria. The FSA represents a wide range of providers of services to the funeral industry and its' aim is to ensure that quality goods are produced and high standards are maintained within the profession. *The FFMA will continue as a self-interest group for coffin manufacturers and the Coffin Accreditation Programme*.
FSJ	Funeral Services Journal	The FSJ has been a funeral industry source since 1886. Now published by Heritage Studios, the A5-size monthly magazine offers an independent viewpoint on the industry and helps to create a sense of community.

FST	Funeral Service Times FUNERAL SERVICE To independent voice of the funeral professor	Funeral Service Times is a magazine for the UK funeral profession.
	Humanists UK	Humanists UK (formerly the British Humanist Association) is a national charity working to achieve a situation where Humanism is understood as an ethical and fulfilling non-religious approach to life involving a naturalistic view of the universe.
ICCM	Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management	The ICCM was founded in 1913 and since then has provided policy and best practice guidance to Burial and Cremation authorities. It represents its' Corporate members at government level. The ICCM is also a provider of accredited education and training opportunities for those persons working within the service – its' Professional members. The aim of the ICCM is to raise standards for
		the bereaved through the promotion of its' training programmes.
ICF	International Cremation Federation	Founded in London in 1937 the International Cremation Federation is an international non- profit organisation linking national groups and promoting the practice of cremation to the highest standard.
loCF	Institute of Civil Funerals	The Institute was established in 2004 to promote the highest quality of civil funeral ceremonies in the UK. Its' aims are to further the provision of Civil Funerals and support the work of Civil Funeral Celebrants in striving to always meet the most rigorous professional standards.

LAFD	London Association of Funeral Directors	The London Association of Funeral Directors ("LAFD") is an area association of the National Association of Funeral Directors ("NAFD"), the largest trade association in the UK for the funeral profession representing over 80% of all funeral directors in the country.
LULLABY TRUST	Foundation for the Study of Sudden Infant Deaths	The Lullaby Trust raises awareness of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and promotes expert advice on safer sleep for babies. The Lullaby Trust also offers emotional support for bereaved families.
MAB	Memorial Awareness Board	The Memorial Awareness Board (MAB) is a campaign for sympathetic memorialisation in the UK. MAB also aim to raise awareness of memorialisation issues on behalf of stone masons. Founded in 1984, the Executive board is made up of professionals within the memorialsation industry.
NAFD	National Association of Funeral Directors	Established in 1905, the National Association of Funeral Directors represents more than 4,100 UK funeral homes, as well as international firms and suppliers to the sector. The NAFD's role is to provide advice, advocacy, education and support to funeral firms, so they can deliver the highest standard of care for those who have died, whilst also working to provide bereaved people with information and assurance to help them choose a compassionate, experienced funeral director. A founding member of the Deceased Management Advisory Group the NAFD also campaigns on a wide range of funeral and bereavement issues.
NAMM	National Association of Memorial Masons	Since its creation and subsequent incorporation The National Association of Memorial Masons aims to promote the craft of memorial masonry through the development of the various codes devised by the association.

NDC	The Natural Death Centre The Natural Death Centre	Established in 1991, The Natural Death Centre is a social, entrepreneurial, educational charity that gives free, impartial advice on all aspects of dying, bereavement and consumer rights.
NFCF	National Federation of Cemetery Friends National Federation of CEMETERY FRIENDS	The Federation was set up in 1986 and now has over 80 Friends Members throughout the UK caring for cemeteries and churchyards, as well as organisations and individuals with complementary interests as Associates. Associate members include trusts, councils and organisations who manage cemeteries and burials, and individual members who are not part of Friends group but share the NFCF'S values. It is represented on the government's Burial and Cremation Advisory Group (BCAG) and has contributed to research on cemetery management and burial legislation. The Cemetery Friends give their time clearing and maintaining areas, often working with local ecology groups to maintain a balance between wildlife and heritage.
NSS	National Secular Society national Secular society	The National Secular Society works towards a society in which all citizens, regardless of religious belief, or lack of religious belief, can live together fairly and cohesively. It campaigns for a secular democracy with a separation of religion and state, as the best means of fostering a fair and open society, in which people of all religions and none can live together as equal citizens.
SSAFA	Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association SSAfa Lifelong support for our Forces and their families	The SSAFA have been supporting the Armed Forces for more than 130 years.SSAFA support covers both regulars and reserves in the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the British Army and the Royal Air Force and their families, including anyone who has competed National Service. Help is provided to the armed forces community in a number of ways, though the SSAFA focus is on providing direct support to individuals in need of physical or emotional care.

SAIF	National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors	 SAIF was established in 1989 to support independent, mostly family-owned funeral directors. SAIF currently have over 1000 members across 1,865 sites, as well as an additional 100 Associate members who supply products of services to the funeral profession. They work within the profession to promote best practice and protect the interests of members and their local communities. Along with representing the views of members at a national and local level SAIF also provides training and education programmes to ensure they continue to meet the highest of standards.
SANDS	Still-Birth and Neonatal Death Society	Sands is the leading stillbirth and neonatal death charity. It operates throughout the UK, supporting anyone affected by the death of a baby, working to improve the care bereaved parents receive, and promoting research to reduce the loss of babies' lives.