

**WILLIAM
PURVES** EST. 1888
FUNERAL DIRECTORS



Consulate Guide to Repatriation in 2021

Written by William Purves Funeral Directors,
repatriation specialists and fifth generation, family run business based in
Edinburgh with branches throughout Scotland and NE England.



MANY FLAGS.
ONE STANDARD.

For non-UK residents or visitors who die in the UK

Practical steps have to be taken involving different groups of people, to set timescales, within a complex legal and regulatory framework. The rules differ from country to country.

Broadly speaking, these are the stages necessary to arrange repatriation.

1. The family has to authorise us, as funeral directors, to collect the deceased from any UK location: hospital, mortuary or residence to our care.
2. We will transport the deceased to one of our 29 branches throughout Scotland and NE England.
3. Embalming (also known as hygienic treatment) is necessary for all repatriation. If required, ritual washing can be arranged as can any specific religious or cultural requirements you specify.
4. Mortuary services are available for 14 days and longer-term storage is possible by arrangement for the necessary repatriation process to be completed.
5. We will assist with registration of death, medical certification, application of visas and custom declarations and any other practical administration required by the UK authorities.
6. We will provide additional copies of paperwork and arrange for translation if required.
7. Provision of a transport approved zinc lined coffin/casket. Suitable ashes caskets are also available.
8. We can retain and forward on personal effects as cargo or luggage.
9. Transportation of the deceased to any UK airport.
10. Tracking of the deceased will be available from when they leave our care until they arrive at the destination airport.



**MANY FLAGS.
ONE STANDARD.**

Repatriation expertise 24/7, every day of the year

Why William Purves Funeral Directors?

1.

RELIABLE

Single point of contact

We handle all consultation, paperwork and coordination of arrangements through a single funeral director contact who is accessible to you in person, by phone or video.

2.

SPECIALIST

Cremation in the UK

Where a UK cremation is required, we can make arrangements with you and/or the family direct and then arrange for the repatriation of ashes. This can be unaccompanied or the family/authorised representative can be provided with the necessary paperwork.

3.

CARE

Family viewing

We make it possible to say goodbye to a loved one in the UK before repatriation, even if this takes some time to arrange.

Many flags. One Standard.

A fifth generation family run business, we are specialist funeral directors with a track record in seamless repatriation to and from the UK.

Lean on our experience to steer a clear path through the complexities of documentation and funeral arranging.

Even during Covid, we were able to provide a service throughout a challenging time across the globe, returning citizens safely to their families and homeland.

What we don't do

- Pay for burial, cremation or repatriation of people or ashes
- Intervene in legal matters
- Provide legal advice
- Investigate or intervene in any local police or medical investigations
- Cover insurance costs or expenses



MANY FLAGS.
ONE STANDARD.



MANY FLAGS.
ONE STANDARD.

In our safe hands, you and your teams are placing your trust in our years of experience to provide a service that both cares and delivers citizens safely home with minimal delay.

**WILLIAM
PURVES** EST. 1888
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Oakavle Funeral Home, 106 Whitehouse Loan, EDINBURGH EH4 1BD

Cbrown@williampurves.co.uk