



Hoopers

The international probate genealogists

Trusted for generations

Established in 1923

How genealogy services can help local authorities trace next of kin, property owners and tenants.

A free service for Local Authorities.

Hoopers Overview

- 95 years of experience in tracing next of kin - the longest established firm of probate genealogists.
- Sectors we work are
 - Private - Legal/Solicitors
 - Individual Beneficiaries
 - Public Sector - Local Authorities. NHS Trusts. Coroners office
- 25 members of staff based in our London head office.

- Probate - related genealogy is an unregulated industry.
Anyone can establish their own genealogy company
- To address this Hoopers has taken advice from the Public Sector to satisfy Legal and Procurement standards.

Standards and Accreditations.



Approved Partner Status



Local Authority Departments using the service.

- Housing
- Environmental Health
- Client Finance
 - Court of Protection
 - Deputyship
 - Client Affairs
- Coroners
- Cemeteries + Crematoria
- Bereavement Services
- Adult Social Services

Tracing next of kin process

- Email or phone Hoopers with details
- Hoopers will acknowledge the referral and commence research
- We will accept all referrals regardless of the estate value
- Independent and impartial solicitors deal with estate administration
- Missing Beneficiary Indemnity insurance



Benefits to the public sector

Empty property - Reduce complaints from neighbours

Reducing delay in making properties made available for re-letting

Reduce the administration for “front line” staff in tracing Next of Kin

Ease pressure from coroners office - storage.

Recover Public Health Funeral expenses quickly.

Contact Next Of Kin to arrange the funeral.

End of life care - Inform family.

Case Study. Salford City Council

Empty private property

Complaints from neighbours

Owner (Deceased) was of Nigerian origin – our research identified 4 children

Hoopers research time - approximately 3 hours

Council unsuccessful in communication with children – did not respond to letters

Hoopers made personal visit with recommendation to instruct an Administrating solicitor

We are keen to adapt our services according to your needs, whilst maintaining high standards

We do not send FOI requests

No commercial contracts necessary

NO COST WHATSOEVER to the Public Sector - GUARANTEED