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2014 – ONWARDS AND UPWARDS?



Warm up Act!!



What I want to avoid!!



What I am going to talk about today.

- ▶ **The Changing Face of the Industry.**
- ▶ **Safer Coffins – Continuing work with the FFMA to achieve a Coffin Accreditation Scheme.**
- ▶ **An Update on Infant Cremation.**

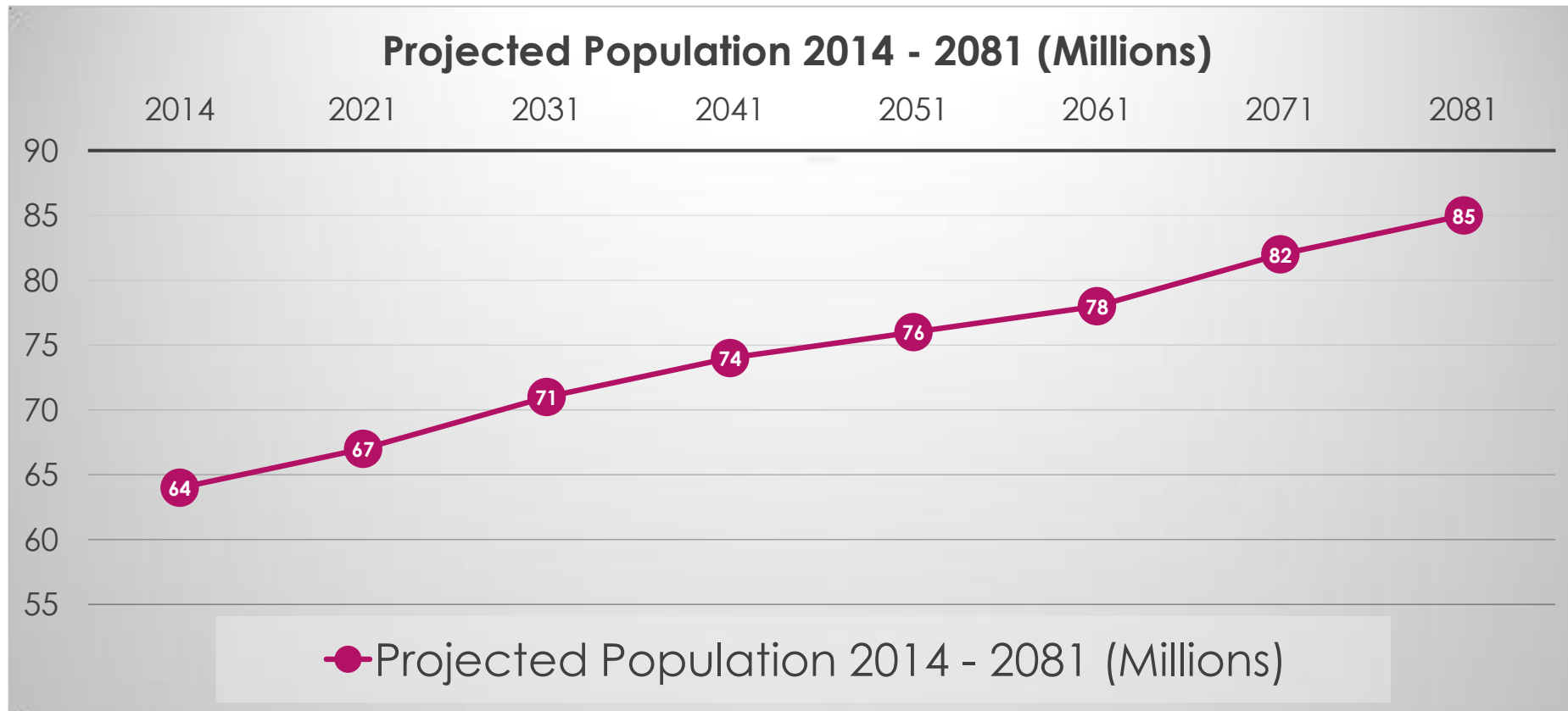


Changing Face of The Industry

- ▶ **Rising Costs of Funerals etc.**
- ▶ **The Sunlife Report estimates that the cost of dying has risen 10% since this time last year**
- ▶ **Services becoming self funding.**
- ▶ **Service User Expectations**

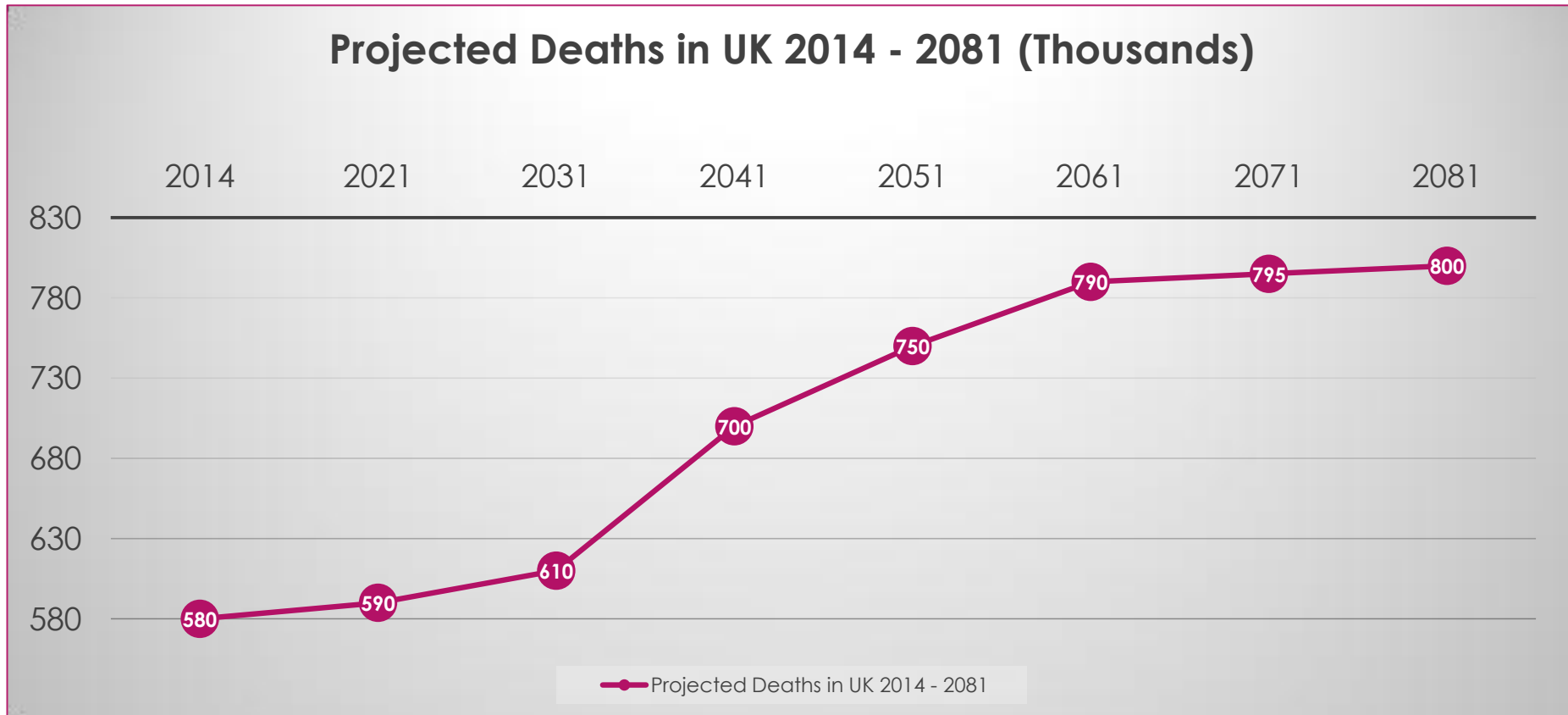


The Changing Face of The Industry



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Projected Deaths in UK 2014 - 2081 (Thousands)



Safer Coffins - Work with the FFMA

- ▶ **Some of you might ask, who are the FFMA.**
- ▶ **This is a project that started on 7th March 2012.**
- ▶ **It has been extremely difficult to engage the Coffin Makers willingly. The FBCA, ICCM, APCC, NAFD and SAIF have worked together to ensure positive vibes from the Trade Associations.**
- ▶ **Test Protocol now agreed.**



An Infant Cremation Update



Lord Iain Bonomy is a former Senator of the College of Justice, a Judge of the Supreme Courts of Scotland, sitting in the High Court of Justiciary and the Inner House of the Court of Session from 2010 to 2012.

From 2004 to 2009, he was a Judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.



An Infant Cremation Update

- ▶ **Lord Bonomy published the Infant Cremation Commission Report in late May this year, after 12 month's work with various stakeholders.**
- ▶ **Report contained 64 recommendations.**
- ▶ **Scottish Government accepted the Report and Recommendations in totality.**



An Infant Cremation Update

- ▶ **The Scottish Government should inform their counterparts in England and Wales and Northern Ireland about the changes in legislation in Scotland to enable them to consider clarification of the definition of “ashes” in identical terms.**
- ▶ **The person with direct management responsibility for the operation of a crematorium should hold either a qualification in crematorium management or the FBCA certificate of competence to operate cremators or the ICCM intermediate certificate for crematorium technical operations.**



An Infant Cremation Update

- ▶ **The Scottish Government should establish a National Committee with responsibility for baby and infant cremations.**
- ▶ **Scottish Ministers should appoint an independent Inspector to monitor working practices and standards at crematoria, The independent Inspector should have authority to investigate complaints from the public about working practices and standards at crematoria, to adjudicate upon these complaints and report findings to the Scottish Ministers. The role of the Inspector should be extended to the funeral industry in respect of which there is no current provision for inspection.**



An Infant Cremation Update

- ▶ **The ICCM and FBCA should each introduce into their respective technical training programmes provision requiring the trainee technician and his mentor to attend and undertake, in the course of the training period and at a crematorium identified by the Institute or the Federation as excelling in the conduct of baby and infant cremations, a full day of training in the conduct of baby and infant cremation on two separate occasions. The trainee should be required to satisfy the examiner of his knowledge and understanding of the methods and techniques of the conduct of baby and infant cremations that enhance the prospects of recovering ashes.**

