

## DBF Fees points of Clarification

- From 26 March, all DBF fees are waived at present for funerals which means the DBF column goes to zero.
- There have been questions over the PCC £30 for Crematorium funerals, as the DBF have allowed the PCC to retain £30 on these services it forms part of the DBF statutory fee so the £30 for Cremation fees due to the PCC is covered by the waive.
- Where we have been more relaxed is with the PCC fees for Graveside funerals etc Included within that element is a future liability costs such as maintenance of the churchyard. So where need be the PCC can charge their fee for churchyard funerals, where the funeral is say in a cemetery or a place where the PCC have no future liability then we would suggest the fee is waived.
- House for Duty (HfD) – we are aware that this role may be slightly different and a HfD will lose a source of income. It is hoped that in the circumstances the HfD will waive the fee however if they wish they can claim their element off the DBF direct.
- Retired clergy, should claim their 2/3 element off the DBF direct, however in line with the government advice we would hope that many of our clergy would be self-isolating and staying safe.
- All claims are being passed by Senior Staff before payment so they can monitor the situation and raise questions if they wish.

The Finance Team