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Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, the Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, has been set up to provide connection, comfort and support for those grieving in these exceptional times.

The Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77 which is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

- We aim to provide a confidential space for people to speak about their experience
- We will listen to what a person says about what has happened
- We will do our best to provide comfort and emotional support
- We will provide any information that might help the caller, including information on practical supports
- We will provide information and guidance for employers or professionals

Who can call?

Any adult who has been impacted by bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This includes people who:

- May have been recently bereaved, through COVID-19 or a different cause of death
- May be concerned about somebody else who has been bereaved
- May wish to call because a previous bereavement feels more difficult at this time
- May be a professional who wants to inform the care their organisation can offer to bereaved colleagues

Care & Inform

As part of our response to COVID-19, we have created a new Care & Inform hub which features new resources on grieving in exceptional times, including supporting yourself and others, grief in the workplace and supporting children who are bereaved.

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