



## **Policy for Recycling of Metals Following Cremation**

### **THE DISPOSAL OF ORTHOPAEDIC IMPLANTS & METAL RESIDUES**

#### **Environmental Policy**

All metals remaining following cremation at Roucan Loch Crematorium will be disposed of in the most suitable manner to reduce the impact to our environment. This will include the sensitive recycling of orthopaedic implants and metal residues to avoid the usage of non-renewable resources and comply with existing legislation.

After cremation any metals present will be removed from the cremated remains and held at the crematorium. Periodically, all metal so recovered will be collected and taken to a central point within the UK for recycling.

The Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management (ICCM) has contracted the company OrthoMetals to carry out the collection and recycling of metals on a non-commercial, open accounting basis.

All surplus monies derived from the recycling scheme will be distributed amongst selected Charities with confirmation from such charities posted on the ICCM website.

Should you wish to dispose of the metals in any other way, this can be indicated on the Cremated Remains Instructions Form which is completed along with the Application for Cremation Form A when a cremation is arranged.

If indicated metals will be returned to you with the cremated remains.

Please note that soft metals (e.g. gold and silver) melt into tiny globules and combine with the cremated remains. These are not identifiable and can be dispersed within cremation equipment and the cremated remains and cannot be returned separately. We recommend that precious metals in the form of jewellery are retained by the applicant for cremation and not cremated with the deceased.

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