Please refer to the Devon Formulary and Referral websites for helpful primary care information for management of referrals and up to date referral criteria.

 <http://southwest.devonformularyguidance.nhs.uk/>

The Bereavement Counselling Service is a specialised bereavement service in complex grief and/or traumatic loss and is not suitable for those who are in ‘normal’ grieving (intense sadness may be present but this is a normal grief response).

Complex grief takes many months to appear having an ongoing, heightened state of mourning that prevents healing in the grieving process to normal grief.

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|  **PLEASE X REASON FOR REFERRAL (ONE OR BOTH MUST APPLY)** |
| **Traumatic loss is evident i.e., suicide, sudden death, tragic accidents and murder**  |  |
| **Complex grief is evident i.e., severe impairment in functioning and resuming own life.**  |  |

**PLEASE COMPLETE IN PRINT (WE DO NOT ACCEPT HAND WRITTEN FORMS):**

**Date of Referral:**

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| Patient Surname:  |  | Patient Title: |  |  Age: Date of Birth:  |  |
| Forename(s):  |  |  |  |  Gender: |  |
| Address (& postcode):  | NHS Number:  | Ethnicity: |
| Preferred Tel No: |  **Leave Message:** |
| Tel No (Mobile): |  | Tel No (Home):  |  |
| Patient’s email: |  |
| **Referrers Details** |
| **GP Name:** | **Other:** |
| **Address:** |  |
|  **Contact number:** |  |
|  **Email:** |  |

**Is the bereavement suicide related:**

**Primary Reason for Referral:**

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| **Information about the person who has died:** |
| Person who died? |  |
| Patient’s relationship to bereaved person? |  |
| How did they die? |  |
| Where did they die? |  |
| Full date of death? |  |

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| **Signs of trauma and/or complex grief** |
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| Any other information: |
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| **Current Medication** |
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***Are there any referrals to any other services pending?***

***Are there any potential lone working concerns i.e., hazards/safeguarding issues Yes No***

**Signature of referrer:**

**Please e-mail to** **bcs.referrals@nhs.net**