**Questions to Ask When Choosing a Celebrant**

*Feel free to use this form to jot down your answers when speaking to celebrants to help you choose the right one for you.*

Celebrant name …………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Contact details …………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Region(s) covered …………………………………………………………………………………………………….

1. What kinds of services do you offer?

⬜ At need funerals (cremation, burial etc)

⬜ Memorial services

⬜ Other …………………………………………………………………………………………………….

1. What belief types do you specialise in?

⬜ Secular (non-religious)

⬜ Humanist (check: Are you a trained humanist?)

⬜ Religious/spiritual (check: Which faiths, or interfaith?)

⬜ All

1. What is your fee?

*In 2019, the national average charged by most celebrants for an ‘at need’ funeral is about £190-220. Figures may vary for other types of service, regions, or for longer distance. If the figure quoted is much higher or lower, it’s worth asking what you get for the fee.*

1. What is included in your fee?

⬜ Travel costs to family meeting and service

⬜ Face to face family visit/meeting

⬜ Approval of tribute/eulogy before service

⬜ Approval of full script before service

⬜ Electronic copy of tribute/script after service

⬜ Printed copy of tribute/script after service

⬜ Full presentation keepsake pack

⬜ Extras/Other …………………………………………………………………………………………………….

1. When do you hold family meetings/visits?

⬜ Office hours ⬜ Evenings ⬜ Weekdays ⬜ Weekends

1. How long is the family meeting/visit with you? Up to…

⬜ Half an hour ⬜ One hour ⬜ Two hours ⬜ Other

1. How many services do you lead in an average a week?

⬜ 1-3 ⬜ 4-6 ⬜ 7-9 ⬜ 10+

1. What qualifications or training do you have in celebrancy? ………………………………………………………………
2. Do you belong to a celebrant organisation? Which? ……………………………………………………………..
3. Do you have a professional code of practice? …………………………………………..………………..

 (e.g. from a celebrant organisation, or the Funeral Celebrancy Council’s ‘Accord’)

1. Do you hold current professional indemnity and public liability insurance? ………………….……….
2. Are you DBS checked? ………………………………………………………………………………………………..
3. What is your website address? ………………………………………………………………………………………………..

1. Which social media platforms do you use (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn)?

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1. (Where) Can I read testimonials from clients and funeral professionals? ………..……………..….
2. Can you show me a sample (redacted) service script? ……………………………

*After speaking with the celebrant:*

How did the celebrant make you feel? …………………………………………………………………………………………………

Positives? ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Concerns? ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….