



Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

1959 CHAPTER 15

13 Coroner may hold inquest.

^{F1}(1) Subject to sub-section (2)] a coroner within whose district—

- (a) a dead body is found; or
- (b) an unexpected or unexplained death, or a death in suspicious circumstances or in any of the circumstances mentioned in section seven, occurs;

may hold an inquest either with a jury or, except in the cases in which a jury is required by sub-section (1) of section eighteen, without a jury.

^{F1}(2) [^{F2}Where more than one death occurs as a result of any circumstances and it appears to any coroner who may hold an inquest into one of the deaths under sub-section (1) that one inquest ought to be held into all the deaths so resulting][^{F2}Where more than one inquest is required to be held in pursuance of section 39(2) of the 1953 Act and it appears to the coroner that all of the deaths were caused by natural illness and that one inquest ought to be held into them all,] he may—

- (a) with the consent of any other coroner who may hold an inquest into one of the deaths, hold the inquest; or
- (b) request that other coroner to hold the inquest.]

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F2 Words in s. 13(2) substituted for specified purposes (temp.) (25.3.2020) by virtue of [Coronavirus Act 2020](#) (c. 7), ss. 32(4), 87(1) (with ss. 88-90) (which affecting provision expires (25.9.2022) by virtue of [Coronavirus Act 2020](#) (c. 7), s. 89 (with s. 90))

Status:

Point in time view as at 25/03/2020. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, Section 13 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.