

PRESS RELEASE from CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE
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**CRUSE WELCOMES QUEEN'S SPEECH COMMITMENT TO
INCREASED SUPPORT FOR BEREAVED FAMILIES**

Cruse Bereavement Care, the leading UK charity supporting all bereaved people, warmly welcomes the announcement in the Queen's Speech on 3rd December that the Coroners and Justice Bill will be brought before Parliament in the current session.

Cruse has been closely involved with the consultative process on this Bill, and is particularly pleased to see the Government's commitment to improving the Coroners' service and the process of death certification, and to providing increased support for bereaved families, including the families of servicemen and women.

Cruse is embarking on a major project, funded by the Department of Health, to improve and extend the bereavement support services offered to members and ex-members of the military and to their families.

Cruse Chief Executive, Debbie Kerslake, commented: "The sensitive and appropriate handling of the legal processes surrounding death can make an enormous difference to bereaved families and to their ability to cope with their loss. We look forward to extending our services so that we can offer appropriate support to military families and their dependents and friends."

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