

## **Plan Ahead... for peace of mind**

As the average cost of a funeral continues to rise faster than inflation, now may be the time to consider taking out a pre-paid funeral plan, which freezes the cost of the funeral director's services included in the plan at today's prices.

A study has found that the cost of dying has risen at a far sharper rate than the cost of living. According to SunLife's 2016 *Cost of Dying* report, the overall cost of dying – which includes costs such as probate, headstones and flowers in addition to the basic cost of a funeral – has risen by 8.3% to £8,802. The average cost of a basic funeral has increased by 5.5% to £3,897, which is more than twice as much as it was when SunLife first started tracking funeral prices in 2004.

It's understandable that many people don't like to think about their funeral and what will happen when they're no longer here. However, there are simple ways to plan ahead which could save you and your family both worry and expense. A pre-paid funeral plan from Golden Charter is a safe, simple way to help make things easier for loved ones at a difficult time, and help protect your family from rising funeral costs.

With a funeral plan from Golden Charter, when the time comes, one call to the funeral director activates the plan and the wishes that were stated will be carried out. This means the family aren't left with difficult decisions to make, allowing them to concentrate on supporting one another.

Golden Charter is a market leader in pre-paid funeral plans with over 25 years' experience in helping people take care of their funeral arrangements and later life planning needs. They are the UK's largest funeral plan provider and work with over 3,000 independent Funeral Directors.

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