

NBC 10th Anniversary Annual Conference Saturday 13th September 2025



National Burial Council Celebrates 10th Anniversary Conference with Record Attendance

The National Burial Council (NBC) proudly marked a decade of service with its 10th Annual Conference, held on Saturday, 13th September 2025. The landmark event welcomed over 250 delegates from across the bereavement sector, uniting professionals, faith leaders, and policymakers to reflect on progress, share best practice, and shape the future of bereavement services in the UK.

The conference was honoured by the presence of Chief Coroner HHJ Alexia Durran and Professor Lisa Webley, Law Commissioner, both of whom witnessed first-hand the exceptional professionalism, compassion, and unity of the Muslim bereavement sector.



Inspiring Keynotes and Sector Challenges

The day opened with a series of thought-provoking keynote addresses:

- **David Hayward** reviewed the first year of Death Certification Reform, highlighting achievements and areas for improvement.
- **Dr Wajid Akhter** addressed the urgent realities of health inequalities and their impact on grieving families.
- **Shaykh Yunus Dudhwala** inspired with *From Burial to Barakah* (blessings), reminding delegates of the sacred dimension of bereavement care.
- **Mohamed Omer MBE**, NBC Chairman, delivered a powerful address on *Meeting Community Expectations and Challenges*, celebrating sector progress while urging continued advocacy and resilience.



A Decade of Progress and Recognition

Closing the event, NBC leaders reflected on the organisation's journey since its founding in 2014. From grassroots advocacy to national recognition, NBC has become a government recognised voice for Muslim bereavement services championing dignity, compassion, and excellence.

NBC Chairman Mohamed Omer MBE

"Reaching our tenth annual conference is a shared achievement. The dedication, unity, and compassion shown across the sector ensure that bereaved families receive the dignity and respect they deserve. As we look to the future, NBC remains committed to raising standards and building strong partnerships with statutory and community organisations."



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