



Coroners Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 13

Coroners

5 Jurisdiction of coroners

- (1) Subject to subsection (3) and sections 7 and 13 to 15 below, an inquest into a death shall be held only by the coroner within whose district the body lies.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) and section 13 below, a coroner shall hold inquests only within his district.
- (3) A coroner may act as coroner for another district in the same administrative area—
 - (a) during the illness, incapacity or unavoidable absence of the coroner for that district; or
 - (b) where there is a vacancy in the office of coroner for that district;and the inquisition returned in respect of an inquest held under this subsection shall certify the cause of the coroner's holding the inquest and shall be conclusive evidence of any matter stated in it which falls within paragraph (a) or (b) above.