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## **BEREAVEMENT LEAVE – INCREASE AGREED**

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Dear Branch Secretary,

A claim brought by this Union for an increase in bereavement leave, particularly in the tragic circumstances of the death of a child or spouse / partner has resulted in an agreement at the Civil Service General Council.

While a circular has yet to issue from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, with immediate effect the following will apply;

Death of a child or spouse / partner

Increase from 5 days to 20 days' bereavement leave.

Death of other immediate relative

Increase from 3 to 5 days' bereavement leave.

Still birth or prenatal death of a child after 24 weeks' pregnancy

10 days' bereavement leave.

Where a Civil servant has to travel abroad to make funeral arrangements

Special leave at the discretion of local HR unit.

With regard to work sharers, the amount granted will depend on whether the Civil Servant was scheduled to work for the period in question.

A detailed circular will issue from the Official Side in the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Geraghty  
General Secretary

**To: All Branch Secretaries  
Executive Committee  
Standing Orders Committee**