

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000697
Date 14 December 2016

Public Health Funerals

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act within the last 24 months please provide the following information:

- 1) Does the council use a genealogy firm or tracing agents? - **No**
 - a) Is this firm or agent regulated? – **N/A**
 - b I) Did you select the genealogy firm or tracing agents through a tendering process? - **N/A**
 - b II) If yes, are you able to provide a copy of the winning tender application? - **N/A**
 - c) For what reason would you require the services of a genealogy firm or tracing agents? - **N/A**

- 2) For each public health funeral please provide :
 - a) The deceased persons first name and surname
Please see table provided at the end of your request.

 - b) The deceased persons date of death and date of birth
Please see table provided at the end of your request.

 - c) The last known residence of the deceased
In response to question c) above, the Council will not be disclosing the requested information.

The Council is of the view that this would constitute information whose disclosure to the wider world would raise concerns around the prevention or detection of crime and that Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI, The Act) is engaged.

Section 31(1) states that: "Information which is not exempt information by virtue of Section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice –

(a) the prevention or detection of crime..."

In considering the public interest for and against disclosure in this case, the Council has considered the public interest in disclosing the last known

address of the identified deceased people could aid the resolution of any estate-related queries. Set against this however, the Council has also considered that disclosure to the wider world (which is how any disclosure made under the provisions of the Act must be judged) may cause harm such as fraud, identity theft, criminal acts and criminal trespass and damage to vacant residential property especially when this information is put together with information that is already in the public domain.

Additionally, in coming to this decision a review of Decision Notices issued by the Information Commissioner's Office (see FS50586033; FS50584670 and FS50583220) in relation to the release of address information in respect of public funerals was taken into account and these all support the principle of withholding of such information under the exemption Section 31 (1) (a).

d) Has the next of kin of the deceased been traced?
Please see table provided at the end of your request.

e) The date on which these details and any additional details have been referred to the Government Legal Department/ Treasury Solicitor, Duchy of Lancaster, Duchy of Cornwall, QLTR, National Ultimus Haeres, or any other organisation.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as any people with treasury referrals were referred by other financial institutions and not the local authority. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

f) Name of any other organisation that these details have been passed to.
None.

3) Please provide name and contact details of the person and department who would need to contact family members or next of kin following a public health funeral.

Contact details: [Safeguarding Services](#)

Phone number: 01902 555333

E-mail address: Court.OfProtection@wolverhampton.gov.uk

a) Please provide name and contact details of the person and department who need to trace owner's of empty homes.

Contact details: [Private Sector Housing](#)

Phone number 01902 551155 (City Direct)

Email address: Private.Sector@wolverhampton.gov.uk

or

Empty.Properties@wolverhampton.gov.uk

FUNERALS Jan to Dec 2016

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>DOD</u>	<u>NOK</u>
CADDICK Graham	29/08/1954	24/11/2015	Y
PRIME Alan	10/02/1947	28/11/2015	Y
TRACEY Patrick	27/11/1947	05/10/2015	Y
WARD David	02/10/1972	13/12/2015	Y
WALKER Huntley	23/08/1947	09/11/2015	Y
MILLS George	10/01/1932	31/12/2015	Y
MITCHELL Edger	13/06/1934	30/12/2015	Y
ROWLEY John	27/11/1944	31/12/2015	Y
NORWOOD Royston	22/12/1947	14/01/2016	N
MORGAN May	17/09/1927	12/11/2015	Y
HUGHES Geoffrey	16/01/1950	15/12/2015	N
HILL William Fredrick	10/11/1930	02/02/2016	Y
EDWARDS Graham	29/12/1944	01/02/2016	Y
INGHAM Alan	09/08/1951	10/02/2016	Y
DUNNE Patrick	03/12/1958	08/02/2016	Y
GEE Joseph	13/10/1942	06/03/2016	Y
GRIFFITHS Roger	30/05/1943	04/04/2016	Y
BRADLEY Ronald	23/10/1944	03/03/2016	N
HUNT Lynn Mary	03/05/1959	07/03/2016	Y
DEAKIN Leslie	20/08/1952	14/03/2016	N
WORRALL Maurice	13/09/1943	10/04/2016	Y
SKIDMORE Geoffrey	11/12/1938	27/04/2016	Y
COOPER John	17/09/1951	30/04/2016	Y
MORRIS Eric	17/04/1945	09/05/2016	Y
WHEELER Kathryn	25/04/1957	20/06/2016	Y
EVANS Phillip Simon	04/11/1972	11/10/2016	Y
WORTON Diane	18/09/1960	20/06/2016	Y
HARTSHORNE Nicholas	28/01/1975	12/06/2016	Y
JONES David Lloyd	03/12/1941	12/07/2016	N
HAYWOOD Brenda	13/03/1945	29/06/2016	N
KOYNE Patrick James	03/09/1944	23/08/2016	Y
JOHNSTON Harold	01/11/1933	03/10/2016	Y
WILLIAMS Michael	09/04/1954	08/10/2016	Y
TURNER Ronald	05/02/1944	16/08/2016	Y
GREEN Peter	08/01/1966	06/10/2016	N
WALFORD Kelly	01/03/1979	03/11/2016	Y
BAKER Norman	08/02/1937	02/10/2016	Y