

Response to Request for Information

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Departments and Contacts

Request:

I would like to request details for departments where they will have to deal with someone passing away leaving no known next-of-kin. The type of departments that we have dealt with in other councils are Elderly People Services, Elderly care, Health and social care. I appreciate that these may not be the names of your departments though.

Please can you provide me with contact details for a person within the relevant departments and give me an indication of how many cases of this nature that you deal with each year.

Within the City of Wolverhampton Council, the Department which would normally deal with such deaths comes under the People Directorate (previously Social Services) and the team who arrange such funerals are the Court of Protection/Funerals/Protection of Property Team which come under Safeguarding Services.

The Team can be contacted on 01902 555333: 01902 555394 and 01902 555740.

In the last financial year (2016-2017) the team carried out 29 Cremations and 1 burial – these were dealt with under the Public Health Act when there was no one else able to take responsibility.