



Response to Request for Information

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Burial Facilities

Request:

I am undertaking research into the provision of burial facilities specifically for Muslims.

Please assist me by providing the information that I request below, much of which is simply a **Yes / No** answer.

- 1 Do you currently provide specific areas in any of your cemeteries for the burial of Muslims? **Yes**

- 2 If you do not currently provide specific areas for Muslim burial, have you done so in the past?

- 3 If you do not currently provide specific areas for Muslim burial, do you have any plans to do so?

- 4 If you do not currently provide specific areas for Muslim burial in your own cemeteries, do you have any arrangements in place with any other cemetery to meet the needs of your Muslim residents ?

If the answers to questions 1 to 4 are all 'No', there is no reason for you to complete the rest of this form. Please simply email me to advise me that this is the case.

- 5 Do you provide areas specifically allocated for different Muslim groups? **No**

- 6 If so, please specify which groups.

- 7 Do you permit Muslim burials on Saturdays? **Yes**

- 8 Do you permit Muslim burials on Sundays? **Yes**

- 9 Do you permit Muslim burials on Public Holidays? **Yes**

- 10 How quickly can you accept a request for a Muslim burial? Please specify 'same day', 'next day' etc. and any restrictions, such as the time the booking is made and the availability of resources. **Generally, we can do it the same day as long as time is available and staffing**

- 11 For each cemetery where you currently provide and/or have previously provided specific areas for Muslims:
- a Name of cemetery: [Danescourt Cemetery and Bushbury Cemetery](#)
 - b Number of adult burials to date: [Danescourt 169 – Bushbury 91](#)
 - c Number of adult burials in 2016: [13](#)
 - d Number of unused adult graves remaining: [Danescourt 10 years capacity – Bushbury 25 Years capacity](#)
 - e Number of child burials to date: [Danescourt 77 - Bushbury 38](#)
 - f Number of child burials in 2016: [5](#)
 - g Number of unused child graves remaining: [Danescourt 10 years capacity – Bushbury 25 years capacity](#)
 - h Please specify the age bands you use to define 'adult' and 'child': [Up to age 17](#)
- 12 Which type of grave do you provide for the burial of Muslims:
- a Earth grave [with boarding to cover coffin](#)
 - b Burial chamber (please describe)
 - c Other (please describe)
- 13 Are graves for Muslims orientated specifically with regard to the location of Makkah / Mecca? [Yes](#)
- 14 Do you permit shroud burial? [No](#)
- 15 Do you provide, or allow others to provide, any wooden planks for covering a shroud burial? [No](#)
- 16 Do you permit anyone to enter the grave in order to place the body at the base of the grave? [No](#)
- 17 Do you permit mourners to backfill the grave after the burial? [Yes](#)
- 18 Do typical Lawn section regulations apply to the areas allocated for Muslim burial? [Yes](#)
- 19 Do you permit the surface of the grave to be mounded? [No only initially after burial](#)
- 20 Do you permit the erection of a memorial consisting of a headstone? [Yes](#)
- 21 Do you permit the erection of a memorial consisting of a headstone and kerbs? [Yes but no kerbing allowed](#)
- 22 Do you provide any specific prayer facilities in the cemetery for Muslims to use? If so, please specify. [NO](#)
- 23 Do you provide any specific washing facilities in the cemetery for Muslims to use for ablutions? If so, please specify. [Washing facility exists at Danescourt Cemetery](#)

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- 24** Please provide details of any type of Muslim burial provision that you offer that is not adequately reflected in the questions above. **All as above, nothing further to add.**
- 25** Please provide the details of the fees that you charge for Muslim adult and child burials. **Same as all faiths. Adult grave is £1872.00 and a child's grave is free.**