

Response to Request for Information

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Public Health Funerals

Request:

I am writing to request the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act:

1. How many public health funerals were carried out in the financial year 2016/17?
30
2. What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority in 2016/17? **£35,252**
3. If you recovered funeral costs in 2016/17, what was the total amount that was recovered? **We do not hold records of this information.**
4. What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral in 2016/17? (Choose one option below)
 - a. The deceased had no family
 - b. The deceased's family were unable to pay for the funeral? **(22 out of 30 had a next of kin)**
 - c. The deceased's family were unwilling to pay for the funeral
5. How many public health funerals were carried out in the financial year 2017/18?
33
6. What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority in 2017/18? **£46,003**
7. If you recovered funeral costs in 2017/18, what was the total amount that was recovered? **It is not possible to provide a breakdown of income that relates specifically to funeral costs.**
8. What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral in 2017/18? (Choose one option below)
 - a. The deceased had no family
 - b. The deceased's family were unable to pay for the funeral? **(25 out of 33 had a next of kin)**
 - c. The deceased's family were unwilling to pay for the funeral