

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002241
Date 27 April 2018

Public Health Funerals

Request:

1. Has the Council conducted any public health funerals since 01/01/2018- the date of your response. Can you please include any pending funerals?

Yes

2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, can you send me the deceased's:

- a) Full name

Please see table provided on page 3.

- b) Date of birth

Please see table provided on page 3.

- c) Date of death

Please see table provided on page 3.

- d) Date of funeral

Please see table provided on page 3.

- e) Last Known Address and if privately owned or rented

In response to question e) 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).

- f) Whether the Council has located a next of kin?
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- g) Whether the Council has located a will?
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- h) Whether details of the estate have been/will be referred to the Government Legal Department?
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- i) Approximate value of estate (if known)?
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- j) In each case, has the Council given the information away in another FOI request
Please see table provided on page 3.
- k) In each case, has the Council passed the information (outside the parameters of FOI) to a probate or genealogy firm? If so which ones and when?
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- l) Any other information the Council holds about the deceased
Please see table provided on page 3.

Full Name	DOB	DOD	Date of Funeral	Last known address	NOK	Will	Estate referred to Gov Legal Dept	Approx Value of estate	Given info in another FOI	Info passed to other firm	If so, which ones and when?
Victoria Williams	10.05.45	4.12.17	02.01.18		Y	N	N	0	NO	N	
Graham Evans	12.07.39	4.12.17	15.01.18		Y	NK	N	0		N	
Edith Guest	15.05.25	2.12.17	22.01.18		N	N	N	0		N	
Betty Nellie Wynn	18.07.37	25.12.17	19.02.18		N	N	Y	£12,000		Y	Familywise acting for NOK April 2018 as they had located NOK. The Probate company came to us after a referral to the Treasury Solicitor
Jean Edna Fletcher	6.07.31	22.01.18	28.02.18		Y	N	N	0		N	
John James Smith	5.01.46	25.01.18	13.03.18		Y	N	N	0		N	
Alison Jane Barnett	2.02.59	4.02.18	8.03.18		Y	N	N	0		N	
Mark Gill	25.07.70	15.1.18	16.03.18		Y	N	N	0		N	
Jessie Doreen Wregge	17.09.33	13.01.18	12.03.18		Y	NK	N	£6,400		N	
Susan Ann Shepherd	31.5.63	28.12.18	16.3.18		N	N	N	0		N	
Christina Baillie Adamson	17.10.48	12.1.18	16.3.18		N	N	N	0		N	
Robert Allen Cassel	22.01.61	04.01.18	13.04.18		Y	N	N	0		N	
Malcolm Turvey	08.07.55	23.2.18	17.4.18		Y	N	N	NK		N	

NK = not known
NOK = next of kin