

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Stillbirth and Death Certificates***

#### **Request:**

I am emailing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. Does your council charge individuals for stillbirth or death certificates?  
[Certified copies of an entry in a still-birth or death register, are available at the time of the registration at the statutory fee of £4 per copy.](#)
2. If your council does charge for stillbirth or death certificates, how much does your council charge?  
[Certified copies of an entry in a death register are available after the time of registration, at the statutory fee of £7 if requested within 1 month of the registration, or £10 if requested after a month since registration.](#)
3. How many stillbirth certificates has your council issued in each of the last three financial years?  
[This information is only held by our Registrar, and Superintendent Registrar. Registration officers and anyone who acts on their behalf in carrying out statutory registration duties are outside the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Superintendent registrars and registrars are not a public authority as defined in the Act and, therefore, are not subject to its provisions. Data held by them including information held in certificate records, or death registers, which is where the age of the deceased is recorded, is thus not subject to disclosure under the FOI Act.](#)

[To advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOIA, more information can be found via the following link:](#)

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>

4. How many death certificates has your council issued in each of the last three years where the person registered as dead was under the age of 18?  
[As above.](#)