

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Public Health Funerals – Section 46 of the 1984 Public Health Act***

**Request:**

I would like to apply for details of the following information under FOI act legislation.

This request relates to public health funerals in relation to Section 46 of the 1984 Public Health Act.

- 1) Please tell me how many public health funerals the council arranged and paid for in the last five years 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011. Also how many you arranged and paid for between 2000 and 2010.
- 2) Please tell me how much a public health funeral costs on average or specifics for each funeral if practical.
- 3) Please tell me how much money was recovered by the council from deceased people's estates to pay for funerals in the years above?
- 4) Please tell me the total amount of money recovered from deceased peoples estates in the above dates?
- 5) Please give details, if held, of any totals of estates left by people needing a public health funeral
- 6) If you hold specifics then please give them of dates and names of deceased needing public health funeral.

In response to your request, we can confirm the following information:

Q1 & Q2

|      |    |      | <u>Cremations</u> | <u>Burials</u> | Cremation Costs* | Burial Costs* |
|------|----|------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2000 | to | 2001 | 25                | 5              | £423.00          | £583.00       |
| 2001 | to | 2002 | 23                | 6              | £429.00          | £721.00       |
| 2002 | to | 2003 | 14                | 1              | £499.00          | £804.00       |
| 2003 | to | 2004 | 29                | 4              | £559.00          | £804.00       |
| 2004 | to | 2005 | 22                | 2              | £617.00          | £814.00       |
| 2005 | to | 2006 | 17                | 3              | £640.00          | £815.00       |

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|------|----|------|----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2006 | to | 2007 | 25 | 1 | £699.00   |           | £983.00   |
| 2007 | to | 2008 | 29 | 3 | £720.00   |           | £1,070.00 |
| 2008 | to | 2009 | 27 | 5 | £730.00   |           | £1,250.00 |
| 2009 | to | 2010 | 33 | 4 | £942.00   | £1,064.00 | £1,187.00 |
| 2010 | to | 2011 | 42 | 0 | £947.00   | £1,104.00 | £1,197.00 |
| 2011 | to | 2012 | 39 | 3 | £1,094.00 | £1,180.00 | £1,232.00 |
| 2012 | to | 2013 | 31 | 3 | £1,033.00 | £1,185.00 | £1,272.00 |
| 2013 | to | 2014 | 38 | 1 | £1,077.00 | £1,234.00 | £1,352.00 |
| 2014 | to | 2015 | 37 | 1 | £1,139.00 | £1,299.00 | £1,440.00 |
| 2015 | to | Dec  | 34 | 0 | £1,156.00 | £1,316.00 | £1,465.00 |

\*From 2009 prices are shown as with and without Doctor's Fees - no variations applied

Prior to 2009 additional fees are included such as cars, Notices in paper & viewing - therefore average costs

Question 3 & 4

### Income received for funerals from estates of deceased

|        |    |            |             |
|--------|----|------------|-------------|
| Apr-15 | to | 29.01.2016 | -33,129.06  |
| Apr-14 | to | Mar-15     | -29,453.14  |
| Apr-13 | to | Mar-14     | -24,706.99  |
| Apr-12 | to | Mar-13     | -26,656.04  |
| Apr-11 | to | Mar-12     | -24,835.64  |
| Apr-10 | to | Mar-11     | -17,947.92  |
| Apr-09 | to | Mar-10     | -15,904.59  |
| Apr-08 | to | Mar-09     | -17,027.11  |
| Apr-07 | to | Mar-08     | -9,393.44   |
| Apr-06 | to | Mar-07     | -15,254.23  |
| Apr-05 | to | Mar-06     | -9,258.17   |
| Apr-04 | to | Mar-05     | -9,651.39   |
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|        |    |            | -233,217.72 |

Question 5 & 6

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it on our website via the following links:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/6266/Social-care?cur=10>

File Reference: FOI 0815106 – Public Health funerals

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/6266/Social-care?cur=12>

File Reference: FOI 0915129 – Public Health Funerals

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean

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that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>