



Response to Request for Information

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Public Health Funerals

Request and response in 'blue':

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please provide this information for 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015.

- 1) How many public health funerals has this local authority arranged each year?
Varies between 34 and 42, e.g. 2012-13 = 34 and 2010-11 = 42.
- 2) How much money has this local authority spent on public health funerals each year?
Varies depending on number of funerals carried out. 2014-2015 = £46,430.00
- 3) What was the most expensive, and the cheapest, public health funeral this local authority arranged from 2010-2015? How much did each cost?
All our public health funerals are carried out under a contract with a local Funeral Director, the contract is tendered for. The Funeral Director's fees remain the same during the contract period, the variations occur due to increases in disbursements, e.g. Crematorium fees and GP fees.

Most expensive - £1,465.00 – Burial 2015
Cheapest (Adult) - £947.00 – Cremation 2010
Cheapest (Child) - £289.00 – Cremation 2010
- 4) What was the age and gender of the youngest person and oldest person to be given a public health funeral from 2010-2015?
Youngest – 8 months – (Male)
Oldest – 100 years – (Female)
- 5) How many burials were there each year? How many cremations were there each year?
2010-2011 – Cremations 42 – Burials 0 – Total = 42
2011-2012 – Cremations 39 – Burials 3 – 2 Existing Graves – Total = 42
2012-2013 – Cremations 31 – Burials 3 – 3 Existing Graves – Total = 34
2013-2014 – Cremations 38 – Burials 1 – 1 Existing Graves – Total = 39
2014-2015 – Cremations 37 – Burials 1 – Total = 38
2015-30/09/15 – Cremations 26 – Burials 0 – Total – 26

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- 6) Where does this local authority bury/cremate a person for a public health funeral?

Local Authority Public Health Cremations are held at Bushbury Crematorium.
Local Authority Public Health Burials are in single unmarked Public Graves at Danescourt Cemetery unless an existing grave already exists.

- 7) How many times is an unmarked grave used?

During this period there were 2 Public Health Funerals requiring Public Graves.