

Request

My request relates to information/referrals passed on by the local authority to the Duchy of Lancaster, via solicitors Farrer & co., regarding people who died intestate in the local area. (<https://www.farrer.co.uk/campaigns/bona-vacantia/>)

For each question, please provide a breakdown by calendar year for each year: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022.

If any question is not possible to answer within the limitations of the Act, then please skip it and move to answer all those that can be answered.

- 1) For each year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022: How many times did the local authority make a referral/pass on details of someone who died in the area intestate, to the Duchy of Lancaster (via the solicitors Farrer & co.) (Likely done using a BV1 form from Farrer and co.)
- 2) If possible - what was the estimated value of the intestate person's wealth, including cash and value of assets held. If possible please break this down by individual (anonymised), if that is not possible please give the total figure for each year. (These details will have been laid out in the BV1 Form to Farrer & co, in the section "PARTICULARS OF THE ASSETS OF THE ESTATE".)
- 3) For each year (as above), how many public health funerals were held, (all public health funerals, not just those whose details were referred to the Duchy)?
- 4) For each year (as above), what was the: **(a)** total cost, **(b)** average cost of public health funerals organised by the local authority?

Response

- 1) 2018 - 0
2019 - 0
2020 - 0
2021 - 0
2022 - 0
- 2) £0.00
- 3) This includes funerals paid from residents private bank accounts, NOK were located.
2018 - 17
2019 - 30
2020 - 22
2021 - 23
2022 - 24
- 4) 2018 - £22882.40
2019 - £51433.00
2020 - £38273.00
2021 - £29658.38
2022 - £26347.86