

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act in respect of Public Health Funerals that have occurred in your local authority area during the last 10 years.

I would be grateful if you could provide, where held, the following information - each broken down by calendar year (i.e. 1st January to 31st December inclusive) for the following years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

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| 1. The number of Public Health Funerals that occurred in your local authority area, for each calendar year specified above | <p>2013 - 14</p> <p>2014 - 17</p> <p>2015 - 26</p> <p>2016 - 9</p> <p>2017 - 23</p> <p>2018 - 17</p> <p>2019 - 30</p> <p>2020 - 22</p> <p>2021 - 23</p> <p>2022 - 24</p> |
| 2. Of these, the number of these Public Health Funerals that were a) Burials and b) Cremations, for each calendar year specified above | <p>All cremations</p> |
| 3. The total cost of Public Health Funerals in your local authority area that were Burials, for each calendar year specified above | <p>N/A</p> |
| 4. The total cost of Public Health Funerals in your local authority area that were Cremations, for each calendar year specified above | <p>2013 – 2015 Not recorded</p> <p>2016 - £10094.00</p> <p>2017 - £22392.00</p> <p>2018 - £22882.40</p> <p>2019 - £51433.00</p> <p>2020 - £38273.00</p> <p>2021 – £29658.38</p> <p>2022 - £26347.86</p> |
| 5. The total sum recouped by the local authority from the estate of deceased persons receiving a Public Health Funeral (burial or cremation), for each calendar year specified above. | <p>2021- £1830.00 recovered</p> <p>2022 £5602.00 to be recovered, due to cases still going through solicitors.</p> |
| 6. In the case of cremations, if this data is held, the number of ashes remains that were not collected by a next of kin, and thus left for the local authority to arrange the disposal of, again for each calendar year specified above | <p>Information is not held</p> |