

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200087**
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Department: **Environmental Health**
Title: **Cost of Public Health Funerals 2014-2019**
Description: **Cost and number of Public Health Funerals (also known as Pauper funerals) 2014-2019 and those for under 18s.**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information:

- How many public health funerals (also known as paupers funerals) has the council paid for in each of the past five financial years, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 (year running April 1 to March 31)?
- In each of these five financial years, what was the cost to the council of providing these funerals?

In each of these five financial years, how many of the funerals were for people aged under 18? Please provide a list of the ages of those given a public health funeral in each year

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

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2014/15	3	£1,136.59
2015/16	3	£2,215.00
2016/17	2	£1,174.00
2017/18	5	£2,694.00
2018/19	1	£1050.00

- In each of these five financial years, what was the cost to the council of providing these funerals?

As above

- In each of these five financial years, how many of the funerals were for people aged under 18? Please provide a list of the ages of those given a public health funeral in each year.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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