

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200648**
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Department: **Environmental Health**
Title: **Public Health Funerals and COVID-19**
Description: **Public Health Funerals 2018 – 2020 an COVID-19 deaths**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Please could you kindly send me information relating to 'Pauper's funerals' (also referred to as 'Public Health Act' Funerals) where persons who have died with no known next of kin (blood relatives).

This includes:

- How many Public Health funerals were held in your council jurisdiction in the years 2018, 2019 and from January 1 2020 to Nov 1 2020.
- Of the total figure for the period January 1 2020 to Nov 1 2020, how many listed COVID-19 on the death certificate as the underlying cause of death, or as a significant condition contributing to death but not the underlying cause.
- For the Public Health funerals that took place in 2018, 2019 and the period January 1 2020 to Nov 1 2020, what was the total cost to the council?

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

How many Public Health funerals were held in your council jurisdiction in the years 2018, 2019 and from January 1 2020 to Nov 1 2020.

2018 – 2 Funerals arranged – family relinquished responsibility to both
2019 - 5 funerals arranged – one sent to Treasury the other 4 family
relinquished responsibility
2020 – Jan – November – 3 funerals arranged – two of which family
relinquished responsibility the other 1 has Solicitor involved as Will located.

Of the total figure for the period January 1 2020 to Nov 1 2020, how many listed COVID-19 on the death certificate as the underlying cause of death, or as a significant condition contributing to death but not the underlying cause.

Unknown

For the Public Health funerals that took place in 2018, 2019 and the period January 1 2020 to Nov 1 2020, what was the total cost to the council?

£5003.00

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services