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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012879 – Public Health Funerals

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek the following information about the number of funerals your organisation has paid for in the last financial year (1st April 2015-31st March 2016). These are often referred to as public health or pauper funerals.

1. How many of these funerals did you arrange in the last financial year?

One

2. How were the funerals providers found - on a case-by-case basis or part of a larger contract?

The funeral was arranged by our hospital contract funeral directors

3. Whose role was it to find the funeral director? with contact details if possible.

The trust puts out a tender the contract lasts 3 years.

4. Would you list each funeral with the following details for each: the date, whether the body was buried or cremated, whether a funeral service was held, the total cost, and the funeral provider used, whether a local council or another NHS trust contributed any money for this funeral, and if so which.

The funeral was arranged on 30 March 2016.

The body was cremated

There was a service arranged at the crematorium

The cost was £1394.90

The funeral provider was AJ Timmins

The Trust paid the full cost of the funeral

If a person dies in hospital and has relatives who will not, or cannot arrange a funeral for whatever reason, the death is referred to Dudley MBC for a Public Health Funeral.

The Trust only arranges funerals when there are no next of kin