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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 015079 – Public Health Funerals

I would like the information by email please

1. Does your NHS Trust organise, pay for and carry out public health / hospital contract funerals for people who die in the trust's care and who don't have the financial means or family/friends to arrange it?

2. If no, which local council you refer public health / hospital contract funeral deaths to?

Questions 1 & 2 - The Trust conducts contract funerals - 'where a patient has died within The Trust and has no next of kin'. 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 Metropolitan Borough Council for a 'Public Health Funeral'. The Trust only arranges funerals when there are no next of kin.

3. If yes, please supply the following information (please see the attached spreadsheet I have put together to help you collate the data): - **Information supplied for 'contract' funerals. Please see figures below**

a) How many public health funerals has your NHS Trust carried out each year for these financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019? -

b) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were male and how many of those men had next of kin and how many of those men did not have next of kin?

c) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were female and how many of those women had next of kin and how many of those women did not have next of kin?

d) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were aged under 18, aged 18-59 or aged 60+

e) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were cremated, how many were buried in a grave of their own and how many were buried in a shared or communal grave (if that's applicable).

f) Please state, the net cost to the NHS Trust for all financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019

	TOTAL NUMBER	GENDER BREAKDOWN						AGE BREAKDOWN			CREMATED OR BURIED			NET COST
	per annum	MALE			FEMALE			Total Age 0-17	Total Age 18-59	Total Age 60+	Cremated	Own Grave	Shared Grave	£'s
		Total MEN	Men WITH Next Of Kin	Men WITHOUT Next Of Kin	Total WOMEN	Women WITH Next Of Kin	Women WITHOUT Next Of Kin							
FYr 2014 / 2015	1				1		1			1	YES			£1,250
FYr 2015 / 2016	3	2		2	1				1	2	3 X YES			£1,394
FYr 2016 / 2017	0	0			0									
FYr 2017 / 2018	1				1					1	YES			£1,529
FYr 2018 / 2019	0	0			0									
TOTAL	5	2	0	2	3	0	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	4173