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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 014838 – Cremation forms

Please can I request the following information:

1. The number of "form 4" cremation forms completed by doctors at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust in the 2018/2019 financial year

2. The number of "form 5" cremation forms completed by doctors at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust in the 2018/2019 financial year

Questions 1 & 2 - Information is held in paper format only. To retrieve the information requested would involve a fingertip search through approximately 3064 cremation forms which would exceed the 18 hours of FOI recommended time frames

3. The total fees taken by doctors at The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust in the 2018/2019 financial year for cremation forms? - £225,204

Doctors fill out cremation forms in the mortuary they then fill out a claim form which is then scanned and sent to the Finance Department.

The claim form does not state if it is for form 4 or 5 but for 2018/19 there were 3064 claims received by the Finance Department.