



Our Ref No: NBC3962-1056/15

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Dear [Redacted],

Information Request NBC3962-1056/15

I am writing to respond to your request for information received by email on 30/09/2015 which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Your request has been given the unique access to information code above. Please quote this reference on any correspondence relating to this request.

In response to your request for information on Public Health Funerals for 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, the Council responds to your questions as follows:

- 1) How many public health funerals has this local authority arranged each year?
- 2) How much money has this local authority spent on public health funerals each year?

Financial Year	Number of public health funerals paid for by the Council	Total Cost (£)
2010/2011	18	18,518.11
2011/2012	36	28,684.78
2012/2013	28	9,699.61
2013/2014	29	21,367.20
2014/2015	16	25,010

Nb. Information as to whether the funerals were part or fully funded is not readily available. Recovery is ongoing and in some cases can take a number of years to finalise. The total cost in each year is therefore the current cost to the Council. Any or all of these totals could fall as recovery continues.





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- 3) What was the most expensive, and the cheapest, public health funeral this local authority arranged from 2010-2015? How much did each cost? **Cheapest funeral £1200, most expensive £2480 (gross costs excluding recovery).**
- 4) What was the age and gender of the youngest person and oldest person to be given a public health funeral from 2010-2015? **Youngest male late teens, eldest female late 90s (approximate information only).**
- 5) How many burials were there each year? How many cremations were there each year?

Financial Year	Number of burials	Number of cremations
2010/2011	3	15
2011/2012	3	33
2012/2013	2	26
2013/2014	2	27
2014/2015	1	15

- 6) Where does this local authority bury/cremate a person for a public health funeral? **Burials generally take place in Kingsthorpe Cemetery but if the deceased has a pre-purchased grave plot in another cemetery this will be used.**
- 7) How many times is an unmarked grave used? **Burials are generally in unmarked graves but on at least one occasions family / friends of the deceased have funded a grave marker.**

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Yours sincerely

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