



Our Ref No: NBC2796-1208/15

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Dear ,

Information Request NBC2796-1208

I am writing to respond to your request for information received by email on 13/11/2015 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 regarding information relating to public funerals. Please find detailed below our response.

In regard to the number of public funerals. The Council publishes details of Treasury Solicitor referrals within 7 days of the referral being made. This information can be accessed at

http://www.northampton.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=383&pageNumber=2

This page includes key recent disclosures on the subject and a quarterly updated public funeral list.

http://www.northampton.gov.uk/downloads/download/2545/public_funerals

The reason for this webpage is that the Council receives a significant number of requests for this kind of data each month and cannot justify the time and resource required to respond to each and every request individually.

Responding by publishing into the public domain (the web) means that the information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 (published) and section





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22 (future publication). Individual applicants will be referred to the Council's website without the need to respond individually. The information is also released to everyone at the same time meaning the Council is not providing information to one organisation in preference to another.

Please find detailed below the cost to the Council in relation to public funerals.

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

Nb. 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 as released under the FOI request reference number NBC3962-1056 on 29th October 2015. Any or all of these totals could fall as recovery continues.

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Information Access Challenges
Northampton Borough Council
The Guildhall
St Giles Square
Northampton
NN1 1DE

Or email: infochallenges@northampton.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

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