

26 February 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding funerals organised under the Public Health Act.

The Trust can provide the following information:

a) and d)

Year	Number of funerals	Relatives unwilling/unable to pay	No known NOK
09/10	17	7	10
10/11	14	4	10
11/12	16	9	7
12/13	15	6	9
13/14	17	12	5
14/15	7	5	2

b) and c)

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
	£638	£643	£506	£653	£677	£685
	£638	£496	£506	£653	£677	£685
	£638	£643	£653	£506	£682	£685
	£643	£643	£653	£653	£682	£685
	£643	£653	£653	£653	£682	£685
	£496	£653	£653	£663	£682	£685
	£643	£653	£653	£663	£869	£685
	£643	£653	£506	£663	£682	
	£496	£653	£653	£663	£682	
	£643	£653	£653	£663	£682	
	£643	£653	£653	£663	£682	
	£643	£653	£653	£663	£525	
	£643	£653	£653	£663	£525	
	£643	£653	£653	£663	£525	
	£643		£653	£663	£525	
	£643		£653		£682	
	£643				£682	
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£10,622</b>	<b>£8,955</b>	<b>£10,007</b>	<b>£9,752</b>	<b>£11,143</b>	<b>£4,795</b>
<b>Total Number</b>	17	14	16	15	17	7

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e) There is a budget but not specifically for this; other things would be included in such as children funerals and other funeral expenses we get reimbursed later on so it is impossible to strip out the public funeral allocation. The total budget amounts to much more and would give a wrong picture if those numbers feature against just one element of spend.

f) Our contracted funeral director is Co-Operative Funeralcare

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Yours sincerely

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