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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ref: FOI 2807**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding.

The Trust can provide the following information:

*\*Please note the below information is purely based on adults.*

**1) What is the number of public health funerals carried out by, or on behalf of, your organisation in the year to August 2016? I would like the same information for the years 2015, 2013, 2010 and 2000?**

- Sep 99 – Aug 00                    18 funerals
- Sep 09 – Aug 10                    12 funerals
- Sep 12 – Aug 13                    18 funerals
- Sep 14 – Aug 15                    12 funerals
- Sep 15 – Aug 16                    12 funeral

**2) What was the cost to your organisation of providing public health funerals for each year in the decade since 2006 and in the year 2000?**

	2006 £	2007 £	2008 £	2009 £	2010 £	2011 £	2012 £	2013 £	2014 £	2015 £	2016 £
Total Cost of Funerals:	14,598	9,373	14,170	27,718	21,460	29,383	30,662	26,422	21,383	26,738	20,778

*The Trust does not hold information prior 2006 in the system and therefore cannot provide the cost for providing public health funerals in 2000.*

**3) What was the age of the oldest and youngest person for 2016 and for each of the other years requested?**

*Please note the below figures are based on calendar years.*

Year	Oldest	Youngest
2016	92	47
2015	86	54
2013	86	51
2010	*	*
2000	*	*

\*Please note prior 2010 the Trust did not retain this information in a readily available format. Therefore it would require a manual trawl through the system and would take longer than the statutory time allowed within the Freedom of Information Act.

#### 4) What was the gender breakdown for each year?

Please see below the breakdown of gender for public health funeral for the requested period;

- Sep 99 – Aug 00 18 funerals (15 male, 3 female)
- Sep 09 – Aug 10 12 funerals (10 male, 2 female)
- Sep 12 – Aug 13 18 funerals (13 male, 5 female)
- Sep 14 – Aug 15 12 funerals (5 male, 7 female)
- Sep 15 – Aug 16 12 funeral( 9 male, 3 female)

#### 5) What type of funeral was provided - ie burial or cremation?

Year	No. of hospital cremations	No. of hospital burials
2016	16	0
2015	9	3
2013	16	1
2010	9	0
2000	18	0

*Please note the above figures are based on calendar years.*

#### 6) If recorded, did next of kin refuse to pay or state that they were unable to pay for the funeral?

The Trust does not record this routinely in the system and therefore cannot provide the requested information.

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Yours sincerely

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