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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

Subject: Public Health Funerals

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Please tell me:

1. *Please tell me how many public health funerals your NHS trust has provided in the financial years of:*

- 2015/2016 - **3**
- 2016/2017 - **4**
- 2017/2018 - **2**

2. *Please tell me the total cost of public health funerals your NHS trust spent in the financial years of:*

- 2015/2016 – **4,089**
- 2016/2017 – **6,755**
- 2017/2018 – **3,400**

3. *What was the most expensive, and the cheapest, public health funeral this hospital trust arranged in the financial years of:*

- 2015/2016 – **1,359**
- 2016/2017 – **1,700**
- 2017/2018 – **1,700**

4. *How many of the public health funerals given in the financial years of: 2015/2016; 2016/2017; 2017/2018 were for a still-born baby?*

None.

5. *How many times is an unmarked grave used?*

Every time.

6. *Please tell me how long a body was held in your hospital mortuary until the public health funeral was arranged.*

Average 21 days Longest 28 days.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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