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21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**You asked:**

**1. Does your NHS Trust organise, pay for and carry out public health funerals for people who die in the trust's care and who don't have the financial means or family/friends to arrange it? Yes**

**2. If no, which local council you refer public health funeral deaths to? N/A**

**3. If yes, please supply the following information (please see the attached spreadsheet I have put together to help you collate the data):**

**a) How many public health funerals has your NHS Trust carried out each year for these financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019?**

**b) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were male and how many of those men had next of kin and how many of those men did not have next of kin?**

**c) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were female and how many of those women had next of kin and how many of those women did not have next of kin?**

**d) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were aged under 18, aged 18-59 or aged 60+**

**e) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were cremated,**

**how many were buried in a grave of their own and how many were buried in a shared or communal grave (if that's applicable).**

**f) Please state, the net cost to the NHS Trust for all financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019?**

Please see the attached information.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Fleming', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mary Fleming  
Chief Operating Officer

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