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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to public health funerals.

- 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?
- 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?
- 3. What was the age of the oldest and youngest person for 2016 and for each of the other years requested?
- 4. What was the gender breakdown for each year?
- 5. What type of funeral was provided i.e. burial or cremation?
- 6. If recorded, did next of kin refuse to pay or state that they were unable to pay for the funeral?

1. 2000 - Unknown	2010 - 3	2013 – 12	2015 -12	2016 - 6
2. Apr16 - Aug 16	12,938			
Apr15 - Mar 16	49,627			
Apr14 - Mar 15	29,729			
Apr13 - Mar 14	52,305			
Apr12 - Mar 13	24,807			
Apr11 - Mar 12	42,750			

Please note that data for Q2 is not available before April 2011.

- 3. Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has therefore decided that such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.
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- 5. Three burials and the remainder were cremations.
- 6. Not recorded