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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 2010 – 2015.

1) How many public health funerals has this NHS Trust arranged each year from 2010 to 2015?
2) How much money has this NHS Trust spent on public health funerals each year from 2010 to 2015?
3) What was the most expensive, and the cheapest, public health funeral this NHS Trust arranged during 2010-2015? How much did each cost?
4) What was the age and gender of the youngest person and oldest person to be given a public health funeral from 2010-2015?
5) How many burials were there during 2010-2015? How many cremations were there during 2010-2015?
6) Where does this NHS Trust bury/cremate a person for a public health funeral?
7) How many times is an unmarked grave used?

Please note that electronic records were not kept before 2012 and therefore the Trust cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information before this date.

1. 2010 - 3   2011 – 6   2012 – 5   2013 – 12   2014 -9   2015 -12

2. Expenditure on funerals in each financial year
2011/12   £42,750
2012/13   £24,807
2013/14   £52,305
2014/15   £29,729
2015/16   £49,627

Data for 2010/11 is not available

3. Cheapest and most expensive funerals

	Low	High
2011/12	£100	£1,476
2012/13	£125	£1,506
2013/14	£125	£1,598
2014/15	£135	£1,582
2015/16	£135	£3,214

Data for 2010/11 is not available

4. 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.

5. Cremations - 44   Burials - 3

6. Cremations – Tunbridge Wells, Vinters Park and Medway crematoria. Burials – Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells cemeteries

7. None - all have a name marker