

Maidstone and 
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NHS Trust

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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.

You asked:

- 1. Please tell me how many public health funerals your NHS trust has provided in the financial years of: 2015/2016; 2016/2017; 2017/2018*
- 2. Please tell me the total cost of public health funerals your NHS trust spent in the financial years of: 2015/2016; 2016/2017; 2017/2018*
- 3. What was the most expensive, and the cheapest, public health funeral this hospital trust arranged in the financial years of: 2015/2016; 2016/2017; 2017/2018*
- 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?*
- 5. How many times is an unmarked grave used?*
- 6. Please tell me how long a body was held in your hospital mortuary until the public health funeral was arranged.*

Trust response:

1. 2015/2016 - 95 2016/2017 - 101 2017/2018 - 93

2. & 3.

year	Cost	Cheapest	Expensive
1718	35256	135	1591
1617	29596	135	1451
1516	46760	135	2338

4. 2015/2016 - 17 2016/2017 - 13 2017/2018 - 5

5. Dependant on the wishes of the parents – some wish to take ashes; otherwise scattered in Baby section of crematoria with a recorded location.

6. seven days (one body)