

Date: **25 November 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5527**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information, which we have processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

Your Request

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?

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

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?

[submitted with attachments: Excel spreadsheet and Pdf document titled "funeralformNHS"]

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust does not handle public health funerals; nor have we previously for the time period you have specified. Children's funerals (under the age of 18) are now covered by public funding as of September 2019.

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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Should you remain dissatisfied with the response you have received to your request for information, please contact the FOI Team to make a request for an internal review within two months from the receipt date of our response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
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