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Thank you for your request concerning Public Health Funerals.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

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?

We have not done so to date.

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

All the district and borough councils in Hertfordshire. Please follow this [link](#) where you can find this information¹.

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?**

Not applicable.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¹ Section 21 – Information available through other means

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

