Public Health Funerals

Request

1. The total number of public health funerals (where the deceased has no relatives or there is no one else willing to pay) that your Trust has undertaken for the financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13?

2. The number of public health funerals that your Trust has undertaken by gender for the past 3 financial years?

3. The number of public health funerals that your Trust has undertaken by age for the past 3 financial years? Since April 2010, how many cases have there been where family and friends refuse to finance or make arrangements for their relatives funeral?

4. How much have the burials/cremations cost the Trust broken down by year for the last three financial years? This cost information does not need to include administrative or staff costs, and before any costs are claimed back by the local authority from the deceased’s estate?

5. How much does your trust typically (average cost) pay for a Public Health Funeral?

6. What does your Trust provide at a Public Health Funeral?

7. What relationship do you have with your local council(s) regarding funerals of this nature?

8. Have you observed any of the following over the last three years?
   - Higher numbers or people dying without any income or assets
   - Higher numbers of people dying with family or friends unable to contribute to the costs of a funeral
   - Higher numbers of people dying with family or friends unwilling to contribute to the costs of a funeral
   - Higher numbers of people dying with no friends or family

Our Response

1. There has been one public health funeral in the requested periods, which took place in 2012/13

2. The public health funeral undertaken by the Trust was for a male

3. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide this information as it is not recorded by the Trust

4. The funeral cost funded by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust was £1631.71.

5. As the Trust has only had one public health funeral, the average cost is £1631.71

6. The cost included all the necessary arrangements for conducting the service i.e. coffin, flowers, and transfer to funeral service

7. None

8. Not applicable, as there has been only one funeral during this time period