

Inability to issue Medical Certificate of Cause of Death

Request

- On how many occasions between October 1st 2013 and 31st March 2014 has the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital been unable to issue an MCCD for a deceased patient due to no doctor seeing the deceased during life during an episode/stay of +24hrs?

- On how many occasions between October 1st 2013 and 31st March 2014 has the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital needed to request the NOK's Funeral Director/other arrange transportation of the deceased to another hospital that cared for the deceased, prior to transfer to the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital, for that hospital to complete the MCCD due to the deceased not seeing a doctor at the Hinckley & Bosworth Community Hospital during a stay/episode of +24hrs?

- On how many occasions between October 1st 2013 and 31st March 2014 has the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital been unable to issue cremation papers for a deceased patient who was in the hospital for an episode/stay of plus 24hrs, due to the deceased not being seen by a doctor whilst in the Hinckley and Bosworth Hospital?

- On how many occasions between October 1st 2013 and 31st March 2014 has the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital needed to request the NOK's Funeral Director/other arrange transportation of the deceased to another hospital, which cared for the deceased prior to transfer to the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital, for that hospital to complete the cremation papers as the patient saw no doctor in life at the Hinckley and Bosworth Hospital during a stay/episode of +24hrs?

Please note, this request does not include deaths referred to HM Coroner but deaths for which the previous hospital was requested to complete the paperwork.

Our Response

We have established that 39 people died at Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital during the time specified. To provide the information being requested each set of records would need to be reviewed. From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would, therefore, exceed the appropriate costs limit, currently £450, under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.