

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003527
Date 30 April 2019

Internment of Cremated Remains

Request:

Please provide the following:

- For the financial years **2014/15, 2015/16, 2017/18, and 2018/19**, what was the cost charged each year by the council for the **internment of cremated remains?**

In response to your above question, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our costs for the internment of cremated remains in the format requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide this specific information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we are able to supply figures in calendar years which we hope will be of use. The charges are effective from 1 January. Please see page 2.

2014 = £302
2015 = £310
2016 = £318
2017 = £325
2018 = £325
2019 = £325

- For the financial year **2019/20**, what is the cost currently charged by the council for the **internment of cremated remains**?

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In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information for the year 2020 at the present time.

Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the year 2020, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

- For the financial years **2014/15**, **2015/16**, **2017/18**, and **2018/19**, what was the total income received each year by the council for the **internment of cremated remains**?

2014-2015 = £156,134
2015-2016 = £186,620
2017-2018 = £174,525
2018-2019 = £181,025

- For the financial year **2019/20**, what is the total income currently anticipated in the council's budget for the **internment of cremated remains**?
£175,500 estimated

- For the financial years **2014/15, 2015/16, 2017/18, and 2018/19**, what was the cost charged each year by the council for the **internment of a deceased adult (i.e. burial)**?

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- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse our costs for the internment of a deceased adult in the format requested.

Consequently, we are unable to provide this specific information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we are able to supply figures in calendar years which we hope will be of use.

2014 = £968
2015 = £993
2016 = £1018
2017 = £1040
2018 = £1040
2019 = £1040

- For the financial year **2019/20**, what is the cost currently charged by the council for the **internment of a deceased adult (i.e. burial)**?

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In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information for the year 2020 for the present time.

Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the year 2020, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

- For the financial years **2014/15, 2015/16, 2017/18, and 2018/19**, what was the total income received each year by the council for the **internment of deceased adults (i.e. burial)**?
2014-2015 = £522,720
2015-2016 = £529,269
2017-2018 = £595,920
2018-2019 = £500,240
- For the financial year **2019/20**, what is the total income currently anticipated in the council's budget for the **internment of deceased adults (i.e. burial)**?
£499,200 estimated
- What, if any, **equalities impact assessment** has been undertaken by the council in relation to its charges for bereavement services?
Benchmarking with local authorities every year prior to the setting of fees and charges. Comparisons are also made to the fees and charges made nationally using ICCM and FBCA data.