



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 081542
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Probate Specialist or Genealogy Firms

Request and response in 'blue':

- 1) Does the council have any dealings with genealogical company, probate specialist or genealogy firms?
The Funeral and Protection of Property Team does not have any direct dealings with genealogical companies, probate specialists or genealogy firms. Following a death for which the team has placed a media release, some firms may contact the family directly and act on behalf of the family, in which case the company may then contact the team to advise that they are acting for the family.
- 2) What are the names of those companies?
N/A
- 3) For what purpose are those companies used?
The company may administer the Estate of the deceased acting on behalf of the family, not for the Council
- 4) Which department is in contact with that genealogical companies, probate specialists or genealogy firms?
The Department does not contact these companies.
- 5) Who and/or which department makes the executive decision to contact the genealogical companies, probate specialists or genealogy firms?
N/A
- 6) Provide the name of the council staff, job title, department, email and telephone number of the person who contacts the genealogical companies, probate specialists or genealogy firms.
N/A
- 7) Does the council use a particular company? If yes, what are the reasons behind them?
N/A
- 8) Does the council get paid from those companies?

N/A

- 9) If yes, in what format does the council receive th0350e payment? And how much does the council get paid?

N/A

- 10) Does the council use the companies, probate specialists or firms when there is a public health funeral?

No, the Council does not use any of these companies in relation to public health funerals.