



**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-660**

8 November 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

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?  
No.
2. If no, which local council you refer public health funeral deaths to?  
Bristol City Council.
3. If yes, please supply the following information (please see the attached spreadsheet I have put together to help you collate the data): N/A.
  - 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?

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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