

25 October 2016

Our Ref: RFI 18446

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Public Health Funerals

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 20 September 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Directorate Support

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- 1) *What is the number of public health funerals carried out by your authority in the year to August 2016? And in the year to August 2015, 2013, 2010 and the year 2000?*

A1. Please see Table 1 below:-

Year (2007 – Trust established)	Number of Funerals Carried out by the Trust
August 2007 - July 2008	1
August 2008 – July 2009	0
August 2009 – July 2010	0
August 2010 – July 2011	0
August 2011 – July 2012	0
August 2012 – July 2013	0
August 2013 – July 2014	0
August 2014 – July 2015	0
August 2015 – July 2016	1
August 2016 – September 2016	1
Total	3

- 2) *Please can you tell me the age of the oldest and youngest person who had a public health funeral?*

A2. The deceased fell within the age range 60-80.

- 3) *Please can you give me a breakdown of the gender of those who had a public health funeral (e.g. 100 men, 50 women)?*

A3. All were males.

- 4) *If it is recorded, was their family unable to pay for the funeral or unwilling to?*

A4. No contactable relatives .

- 5) *What is the cost to yourselves of providing public health funerals for each year since 2006? And in the year 2000?*

A5. Between £1000 and £2000.