

**Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log  
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<b>Attachments</b>	No

**You asked**

- 1. How many public health funerals the trust has undertaken for patients who have died of Covid (within 28 days of the first positive test) with no known relatives or next of kin.**

**I'm looking for information relating to the period between March 2 2020 and March 2 2021. Can the information please be broken down by ethnicity, age and gender for each patient? If doing this exceeds the cost limit and the scope needs narrowing, could ethnicity be prioritised, followed by age, please?**

None

- 2. How many Covid deaths (within 28 days of the first positive test) have been recorded by the trust between March 2 2020 and March 2 2021.**

N/A in relation to public health funerals

Details about the number of Covid-19 deaths by Trust are published here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>. Please use the search reference RK9 for our Trust. Published information is exempt from further supply in accordance with section 21.-(1) – Information accessible by other means.

- 3. How much a public health funeral typically costs the trust, and if possible, how much has been spent on public health funerals by the trust between March 2 2020 and March 2 2021.**

The total cost for a contract funeral is £1950 excluding VAT  
During the period March 2020 to March 2021 the Trust arranged 12 contract funerals

- 4. The relationship between the trust and the local authority/authorities when it comes to public health funerals and the processes involved in deciding who is responsible for arranging them.**

The Trust works with families to support them with funeral arrangements, and assist with sourcing funding for funeral costs, for example, making

applications to the Department of Work and Pensions. Where the family have no means to pay for a funeral, a public funeral is provided.

If a patient dies in the hospital setting these costs are the responsibility of the hospital Trust. If the patient dies in the community, the local authority will support families through the process.

**5. What is provided by the trust at a public health funeral?**

Under the contract funeral arrangements, the Trust will provide a basic cremation service with no attendance.

**Attachments included:** No