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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI551601476

Thank you for your request for information relating to Crematoria.

You have requested the following information:

This is an FOI request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following information you have for all crematoria facilities under your authority.

If your authority is responsible for more than one crematorium, please provide data for each crematorium separately.

Questions are in order of priority, please answer question 1 first and work down from the list:

1. Capital Expenditure (Capex):

• Could you provide a breakdown of the total expenditure in the past 5 years (year end 31st March) on major refurbishments (Over £50k) or capacity expansions?

Zero.

• Additionally, could you provide a breakdown of planned expenditures for the upcoming 5 years (year end 31st March) on major refurbishments (Over £50k) or capacity expansions?

No major refurbishments are currently planned.

• For both previous and planned CAPEX expenditures, could you also provide data on the number of funerals made possible as a result of capacity expansions for each of those

years?

Not applicable.

2. Capacity

• **Could you provide data on capacity utilisation for both attended and unattended cremations over the past 3 years (year end 31st March)? i.e. total available capacity for attended and unattended cremations, numbers of attended and unattended cremations performed.**

Canley Crematorium allows for direct & direct with attendance cremation to take place using the first 2 times in the morning each day (9 & 9.30am) unless an alternative is agreed due to special circumstances.

2020 (Jan-Dec inc.)

Slots available for direct 518 – used 32 (direct with attendance not available as an option)

2021 (Jan – Dec. inc.)

Slots available for direct 512 – used 133 (direct with attendance not available as an option)

2022 (Jan – Dec. Inc) Direct with attendance cremation service added to cremation options available

Slots available for direct and /or direct attended 518 – used for Direct- 127 / direct attended 5

3. Energy Consumption and Cost:

- **How much energy, in terms of kilowatt-hours (kWh) if electric, or per therm or kWh if gas, was consumed via cremations over the past 3 years (referring only the energy consumption of the cremation itself, as opposed to ancillary energy use in the crematorium)? If easier, please provide total Scope 1 emissions from cremations as an alternative.**
- **Could you provide data on the cost of this energy consumption over the past 3 years (year end 31st March)?**

Utility	2020-21 (£)	2021-22 (£)	2022-23 (£)	2020-21 (kWh)	2021-22 (kWh)	2022-23 (kWh)
Electricity	24,147	27,867	40,871	167,806	181,081	166,842
Gas	33,145	31,230	52,320	1,347,891	1,339,604	1,413,512

Notes:

- Costs include standing charges.
- Costs exclude VAT.
- Costs and consumption exclude onsite office buildings.
- Please note that we have no data available regarding consumption related to individual cremations.

4. Pricing

• **Could you provide data on the average price of an unattended cremation over the past 3 years (year-end 31st March)? I am referring here to cremation fees charged.**

2020 – direct cremation cost £535 (including medical Referee fees of £32.50)

2021 – direct cremation cost £554 (including medical referee fee of £34.00)

2022 – direct cremation cost £630.50 (Inc. Med. Ref fees £39) / Direct cremation with Attendance

£730.50 (inc. Medical Ref fees)

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Yours faithfully

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