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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI598710343

Thank you for your request for information relating to tracing next of kin for funerals.

You have requested the following information:

1. Does your local authority refer cases where you are unable to locate a next of kin to a funeral director and if so please confirm the name of the funeral director.

All Public Health funerals are carried out by Coventry Funeral Service. This referral is not dependant on whether we were able to trace family or not.

2. The number of cases in the last 10 years by your local authority where you have been unable to trace a next of kin or beneficiary or other person with a legal entitlement to the proceeds of sale.

2016: 12
2017: 7
2018: 11
2019: 8
2020: 10
2021: 17
2022: 19
2023: 11

For 2014 and 2015, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per

Section 1(1) of the Act. This information is no longer held.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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