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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI602710610**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Information about public health funerals.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Can you please list how many public health funerals (or so called “pauper” funerals) your council has organised, in the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023**

2018: 37

2019: 25

2020: 36

2021: 40

2022: 42

2023: 40

**2. Do you carry out an attended or unattended funeral?**

Both.

**3. Do you return ashes to family or friends if wished and, if so, under what circumstances?**

Ashes are always returned to families if they express a wish to have them.

**4. If you do return ashes do you charge for that and how much?**

No fee applied to return ashes to family members.

## **5. What evidence do you require to carry out a burial, if that isn't the default funerary method?**

If we have a family member, friend or minister who is aware the deceased indicated a preference, any document found identifies a preference for burial rather than cremation or if a deed exists, we will supply burial whenever possible.

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

Yours faithfully

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