

## FOI193 Response

### Request

1. Does your NHS Trust organise, pay for and carry out public health funerals for people who die in the trust's care and who don't have the financial means or family/friends to arrange it?

2. If no, which local council you refer public health funeral deaths to?

3. If yes, please supply the following information (please see the attached spreadsheet I have put together to help you collate the data):

a) How many public health funerals has your NHS Trust carried out each year for these financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019?

b) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were male and how many of those men had next of kin and how many of those men did not have next of kin?

c) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were female and how many of those women had next of kin and how many of those women did not have next of kin?

d) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were aged under 18, aged 18-59 or aged 60+

e) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were cremated, how many were buried in a grave of their own and how many were buried in a shared or communal grave (if that's applicable).

f) Please state, the net cost to the NHS Trust for all financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/2019?

## **Response**

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust do not organise, provide financial assistance, or carry out public health funerals for patients who have died in the Trust's care.

Please note that Birmingham City Council or the patient's family members (where applicable) will take lead in organising and providing financial support for funerals.

With the above in mind, a response for question 3a -3f cannot be provided, this is because the query is not applicable to the Trust.