

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **You asked:**

**We write to you in regards of a research project we are carrying out. The project is based on the number of cemeteries and burial grounds found in the U.K that facilitate the burial of Muslim citizens i.e. they have a) an allocated area for Muslim burials within a public cemetery or burial ground, or b) separate cemeteries reserved specially for Muslims.**

**We would like to know if you could provide us with the information of how many such cemeteries/ burial grounds fall under the jurisdiction of your specific council along with the address and postcode and if possible a contact number.**

### **ANSWER**

There are two Muslim burial sites within the Leicester cemeteries. Gilroes cemetery has a small area for Muslim burial but is reserved for a small number of the community and not widely used, the main Muslim burial area for the city of Leicester is Saffron hill cemetery, seeing over 150 burials a year.

#### **Gilroes Cemetery and Crematorium**

Site Manager: Billy Buxton  
Groby Road  
Leicester  
LE3 9QG  
Tel: 0116 2995522

#### **Saffron Hill Cemetery**

Site Manager: Sam Whitfield  
Stonesby Avenue  
Leicester  
LE2 6TY  
Tel: 0116 2995527

#### **For All Office Hour Enquiries:**

Leicester City Council  
Bereavement Services  
New Walk Centre  
Welford Place  
Leicester  
LE1 6ZG  
Telephone: 0116 252 7382 / 7383  
Email: [cemeteries@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:cemeteries@leicester.gov.uk)

**For All Out Of Office Hour Enquiries:**

Muslim Burial Council of Leicester  
1a Moat Road  
Leicester  
LE5 5EF

Telephone: 0116 273 0141  
Mobile: 07833 533 490  
Email: [admin@mbcol.org.uk](mailto:admin@mbcol.org.uk)  
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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@leicester.gov.uk)

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Wycliffe House  
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