

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:

Would you please provide information for the time period of December 2012 until the date of your reply?

- 1. Have any NHS trusts or hospitals notified the council on information regarding a death, where there have been no known next of kin?**

ANSWER

Leicester City Council does not take referrals from NHS trusts or hospitals.

- 2. If yes, please provide the name of the person and department, who is responsible for providing this information to the council, along with a telephone number, postal address and email address.**

Please see answer to Q1 above.

- 3. Within the council who is responsible for dealing with these deaths or public health funerals where there have been no known next of kin?**

Please see answer to Q1 above.

- 3a. For question 3, please provide the name of the person (and department) along with a telephone number, postal address and email address.**

Please see answer to Q1 above.

- 4. How many deaths have been referred to the council via the NHS trust or hospital since December 2012?**

Please see answer to Q1 above.

- 5. How many public health funerals have occurred within the council since December 2012?**

Leicester City Council has provided 22 Welfare Funerals between 01-12-2012 and 11-06-2013 for deaths that have occurred at home or in public.

- 6. For each public health funeral where there have been no known next of kin, does the council contact any organisation to trace the next of kin? If yes, please state the name of the firm/company and why?**

Leicester City Council does not use any organisation to trace next of kin.

7. Does the council have a contract with these companies/firms? If not, what is the reason for using these companies/firm?

Please see answer to Q6 above.

8. For question 4 and 5 (for each funeral or death), please provide:

- a) Name of the deceased**
- b) Date of death and date of birth**
- c) Last known address**
- d) Have the next of kin have been traced**
- e) Reason for providing the funeral**
- f) Have the costs of the funeral been recovered?**
- g) Have you referred this information to the Treasury Solicitors, Duchy of Cornwall, QLTR, Duchy of Lancaster, National Ultimus Haeres, or any other person/organisation? If yes, please state the date and the name of the organisation to which the referral has been made.**

I can confirm that the Council holds this information. The information is available elsewhere, see link below, and is therefore exempt under s21 (readily accessible by other means) and s22 (to be published in future), as we publish and update this information regularly here:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/environmental-health-licensing/environmental-general-public-health/welfare-funerals/>

The details are passed to the Treasury Solicitor and are also posted on the Council's web site.

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**Information Governance Manager
Information and Customer Access
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)**

**New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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