

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:

Please list a name of hospitals which fall within the council area/boundaries.

ANSWER

Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester General Hospital and Glenfield Hospital.
Nuffield Hospital (Private)

What relationship does the council have with the hospitals when it comes to matters of public health funerals or welfare funerals?

Death following admittance hospital is responsible / Death before admittance Leicester City Council (LCC) is responsible.

What is the council's involvement with hospitals regarding funerals of this nature?

This is dependant on responsibility for arranging funeral see previous answer

If someone in the hospital dies, is it the responsibility of the council or hospital to provide a public health funeral?

Hospital

Is the council notified of a death where there is no known next of kin, which takes place in the hospital?

Not unless LCC responsible

What department from the hospital notifies you of the death?

Coroner

If it is the duty of the council, what is the name of the officer (& email) who is responsible for arranging this funeral?

No individual officer. E- mail environmental-health@leicester.gov.uk

Is this officer is also obliged to notify the family members or next of kin, if they are not already aware of the death?

Yes

If not, then which department and what is the name of the officer (& email) who holds this responsibility?

N/A

What procedures does the council follow in order to notify family members of the death?

Subject to any contact details found / provided

If family members or the next of kin have not been located, does the council place a public or legal notice? What is the name of the source where this legal or public notice placed?

If there is no notice placed, why is this the case?

No

If there is no legal or public notice placed; what is the name of the source in which the obituary notice placed?

If there is no obituary notice placed, why not?

Responsibility of coroner

What are the name of the contracted funeral directors which the council uses?

This acts as the statutory refusal notice required by section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because of the reasons contained in FOIA S43.2 – the disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the authority holding it).

How often do these contracted funeral directors change? What is the reason for this?

It is anticipated that this service will be transferred to the Cemeteries section within the Council and the existing arrangement with the contracted funeral director will be subject to review under procurement requirements at that stage

As of Jan 2013, please answer the following questions about public health funerals:

Name of deceased

Residential address of the deceased

Date of death

Date of birth

date of funeral

If details were provided by the hospital, what is the name of hospital, hospital worker (& email) that referred this information?

If the information was not provided by the hospital, who did?

Has the family members or next of kin been traced?

Who located the family members or next of kin?
Name of source where the public/legal notice has been placed
Name of source where the obituary has been placed
Has this information of the deceased been sent to the Bona Vacantia, Treasury Solicitor, QLTR, National Ultimus, Duchy, Farrer & Co or any other companies?

[See attached spread sheet](#)

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