

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:

- 1) Does the council have any dealings with genealogical company, probate specialist or genealogy firms?
- 2) What are the names of those companies?
- 3) For what purpose are those companies used?
- 4) Which department is in contact with that genealogical companies, probate specialists or genealogy firms?
- 5) Who and/or which department makes the executive decision to contact the genealogical companies, probate specialists or genealogy firms?
- 6) Provide the name of the council staff, job title, department, email and telephone number of the person who contacts the genealogical companies, probate specialists or genealogy firms.
- 7) Does the council use a particular company? If yes, what are the reasons behind them?
- 8) Does the council get paid from those companies?
- 9) If yes, in what format does the council receive the payment? And how much does the council get paid?
- 10) Does the council use the companies, probate specialists or firms when there is a public health funeral?

ANSWER:

The Council does not have any dealings with any of the above companies.

- 11) How many public health funerals have taken place over the past one year (from February 2013)?
 - a. Have the family been contacted by the council or the genealogy company?
 - b. If the family were contacted by someone other than the council or genealogy company, please state their contact details.
 - c. What is the name of the deceased?
 - d. Place of birth
 - e. Place of death
 - f. Date of birth
 - g. Date of death
 - h. Address (if known)
 - i. Has this information been sent to Treasury Solicitor, QLTR, NUHU, Crown Solicitor, Farrer & Co, or the equivalent of?
 - j. If yes, please state the date (if known).
 - k. What were the reasons for not sending it to the places mentioned in 11i?
 - l. If there have been funerals prior to February 2013, and it is still pending please provide details from 11a-k.

Please see attached spreadsheet for the above information.

I confirm that we do have the addresses of the deceased, however this letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 31 of the Act is being applied – law enforcement

Disclosure of the requested information would be likely to have significant negative impact on the prevention of crime. The Council considers there is a strong public interest in avoiding likely prejudice to the prevention of crime.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider requests until the internal appeals process of the Council has been exhausted. You are therefore advised to appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.