East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/123(13243)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 could you provide the following information:

1)   Do you publish details of section 46 funerals undertaken by your council on your website? If YES then please provide the link to the relevant page on the council website.

No

2)   Do you respond with information from FOI requests asking for details of funerals undertaken by the council?

Yes and East Lothian Council publishes information released under Freedom of Information legislation on its website:
http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/site/custom_scripts/foi_download_index.php?filterYear=-1&filterMonth=-1&filterDay=-1&filterTopic=15&filterSubTopic=42

Please note, however, that there is no legal requirement for East Lothian Council to publish this information, the Council does this voluntarily. Provision of this service depends on other business priorities. Regrettably, competing business priorities in recent months mean that we have been unable to publish the FOIs as regularly as we would like.

3)   Do you refer any matters to a genealogy company or do you have a panel of genealogists who you refer matters to?

No

4)   Do you refer all matters to the Bona Vacantia division of the GLD or the Duchy of Lancaster or Cornwall?

No

Finally, it may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that ELC may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:
http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx