

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/496692

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Please tell me:

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1) Please tell me the average cost for a public health burial funeral in the financial years of:

2015/2016: £3859.74

2016/2017: £4368.95

2017/2018: £3458.62

2) Please tell me the average cost for a public health cremation funeral in the financial years of:

2015/2016: £3554.18

2016/2017: £3256.37

2017/2018 £2823.20

3) Please tell me how many public health funerals the council has provided in the financial years of:

2015/2016: 9

2016/2017: 11

2017/2018 14

4) Please tell me the total cost of public health funerals the council spent in the financial years of:

2015/2016: £34,126.51

2016/2017: £36,932.66

2017/2018 £44608.25

5) Please tell me how many people you have denied public health funerals and on what grounds in the financial years of:

2015/2016: Information not recorded

2016/2017: Information not recorded

2017/2018: Information not recorded

6) For this financial year only, please outline your policy on how many family members you allow to attend.

No Policy

7) Please tell me what you ask people seeking a public health funeral to do before agreeing to undertake it

It must be clarified that at the time of their death the deceased person was receiving a service.

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People are also advise that any monies must come to us to cover costs

8) Please outline your position on returning ashes of the deceased to family members after a public health cremation has taken place.

If the family wish the ashes returned to them, this is done.

If there is not family traced the undertaker will hold them for six months.

Thereafter the undertaker disperses the ashes.

9) Please detail how you make the availability of a public health funeral known to residents - is there a self-referral model or do people have to be referred to the council by a coroner?

The person's allocated officer at the time if their death would advise the appropriate person. This service is not publicised.