

East Lothian Council

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How much money was spent by the council on contracts with providers of funerals in order to fulfil the provisions of the National Assistance Act 1948 that state that Public Health Funerals should be arranged for individuals who have died and have no know relatives to arrange or pay for the funeral, or have relatives who are unable/ unwilling to arrange the funeral?

I would like this figure broken down by year for the years:

Information is held by Calendar year as opposed to Financial Year

2014:	£28,692.00
2015:	£45,644.90
2016:	£29,559.26
2017:	£47,841.40
2018 (to date):	£13,443.94

Could you also provide a list of the contractors and how much they were paid for each contract within those years?

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2014:

Co Operative Funeral Care:

£2968.00
£3645.40
£4267.64
£4004.00
£3837.22
£3615.62

John Bald Funeral Directors:

£2824.00

No Funeral Director Recorded

£3530.04

2015:

Co Operative Funeral Care:

£2902.00
£4010.46
£3829.00
£4235.00
£3900.00
£3945.00
£4051.36
£4330.64

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£3601.60

£3479.00

Buchanan Hogg:

£4308.84

William Lawrie:

£3057.00

2016:

C&A Funeral Services:

£3459.55

£2950.00

£2824.63

Alexander Davidson and Sons:

£3070.81

Co Operative Funeral Care:

£2920.00

£3658.30

£4155.97

£3725.00

No Funeral Director Recorded

£2795.00

2017:

Co Operative Funeral Care:

£3777.00

£2687.00

£4368.95

£3040.00

£3500.00

£526.47

£4448.00

£3747.10

£2276.02

C&A Funeral Services:

£4361.81

£4388.40

£3254.55

M&F Funeral Services

£3563.20

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2018 (to date):

C&A Funeral Services:
£5565.80

M&F Funeral Services:
£4100.00
£3778.14

No Funeral Director Recorded
£3903.10

Could you also provide the reasons why councils may find themselves providing funerals?

Family unwilling/Unable to pay for funeral
Family cannot be traced/No Family
No Funds

Would you be able to break down the numbers for each year into those which are provided because they have no relatives and those who have relatives but they are unwilling to pay?

2014
Family unwilling/Unable to pay for funeral: 8
No Family: 0

2015
Family unwilling/Unable to pay for funeral: 9
No Family: 3

2016
Family unwilling/Unable to pay for funeral: 6
No Family: 5

2017
Family unwilling/Unable to pay for funeral: 13
No Family: 0

2018 (to date)
Family unwilling/Unable to pay for funeral: 2
No Family: 2

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If possible, could you provide the documentation or notation given that showed the relatives did not want to pay for the funeral? Could you provide the reasons that these relatives gave for not paying for the funeral?

This information is not held.