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Request:

Questions 1-4 relate to the financial year 2019/20 between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020.

1.How many public health funerals were carried out in the financial year 2019/20?

****See below****

2.What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority in the financial year 2019/20?

****See below****

3.If you recovered funeral costs in the financial year 2019/20, what was the total amount that was recovered?

****See below****

4.What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral in 2019/20? (Choose one option below) option.

- a.The deceased had no family**
- b.The deceased's family were unable to pay for the funeral**
- c.The deceased's family were unwilling to pay for the funeral**

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Questions 5-8 relate specifically for the time period between 1st March and 31st December 2020

5.How many public health funerals were carried out between 1st March and 31st December 2020?

****See below****

6.What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority carried out between 1st March and 31st December 2020?

****See below****



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7.If you recovered funeral costs between 1st March and 31st December 2020, what was the total amount that was recovered?

****See below****

**8.What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral between 1st March and 31st December 2020? (Choose one option below)
option**

- a.The deceased had no family**
- b.The deceased's family were unable to pay for the funeral**
- c.The deceased's family were unwilling to pay for the funeral**

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Questions 9-11 are general questions relating to your policies on public health funerals:

9.Are family members allowed to attend the public health funeral? Please answer Yes or No

****YES****

10.If the funeral is a cremation funeral, are the ashes returned to the family? Please answer Yes or No

****YES****

11.If you answered YES to 10, was there a cost to the family to have the ashes returned to them?

****NO****

12. Have you seen a rise in demand for public health funerals in the last year (1st January to 31st December 2020) which you believe is as a result of COVID-19?

****information not held****

The information requested in questions 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 is refused in answer to this request under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means.

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