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**Request:**

1. What enquiries are generally conducted by the local authority to identify a found unidentified body?

n/a

2. How and where is information relating to public health funerals recorded and stored? (Please comment on both digital and physical recording/storing)

**Information is not stored physically. Information is stored digitally on the Council's server. Information is also published at:**

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/page/20287/transparency>

3. Does the recorded information include the location of the bodies within cemeteries or crematoriums?

no

4. Are unidentified bodies usually buried or cremated?

n/a

5. Are cases of unidentified bodies reviewed? If so, what does this involve and when?

n/a

6. What records and systems are cross-matched with information relating to cases of unidentified bodies?

n/a

7. When is information relating to public health funerals deleted or destroyed?

**Stored indefinitely**

8. How is information relating to public health funerals shared between individuals, departments, police forces, different agencies, and with the public?

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9. Are there any differences in the above processes relating to unidentified body parts? If so, what are the differences?

n/a

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10. Who has the overall responsibility for public health funerals within the local authority?

**Jacqui Old, Director of Adult Social Services**

11. How can the management of information related to unidentified bodies be improved?

**This is not a request for recorded information held under the Act**

12. Is there a person within the local authority who would be willing to be contacted by the PhD researcher to answer further questions that will take approximately 30 minutes? If so, what are their contact details?

**no**