



Reference: RFI 1802058

Request:

- 1) How many cemeteries are operated by your council? How many burial plots does this total?

We operate 7 cemeteries. The total number of burial plots is not known

- 2) How many cemeteries still have spaces and how many burial plots are remaining? (Please provide the names of each cemetery and how many spaces it has in total and the number remaining)

Name of cemetery	Number of plots available
Benton	1339
Church Bank	0
Dudley & Weetslade	733
Earsdon	1455
Holy Cross	3872
Preston	5286
Whitley Bay	2564

- 3) What proportion of this is through existing burials and advance plot purchases?

Not known

- 4) How many are full/ at capacity?

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- 5) How many burials were undertaken in the following years: 2017, 2016, 2007, 2006, 1997, 1996, 1987, 1986, 1977, 1976.

- 6) What was the charge/cost to people for burials in each of these years?

Year	No. of burials	Cost
1976	Not available	Not available
1977	Not available	Not available
1986	Not available	Not available
1987	Not available	Not available
1996	635	219.90
1997	598	252.90
2006	578	427.50
2007	552	445.0
2016	467	785.0
2017	478	809.0

- 7) How many cremations for the same years as above?

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8) What was the charge/cost to people for cremations in each of these years?

Year	No. Of cremations	Cost
1976	Not available	Not available
1977	Not available	Not available
1986	Not available	Not available
1987	Not available	Not available
1996	2050	154.30
1997	2213	177.40
2006	1793	340
2007	1894	354
2016	3266	672
2017	2061	713

9) How many years of capacity for burial do you anticipate you have remaining?

Name of Cemetery	Estimated number of years to capacity
Benton	22
Church Bank	0
Dudley & Weetslade	48
Earsdon	47
Holy Cross	34
Preston	66
Whitley Bay	48

10) How many people did not get their first choice of cemetery for burial?

None

11) Did the council have to refuse requests for burials? If so, how many?

We have not refused any requests due to availability of burial space.

12) What is the furthest distance of burial plots from any of the parish church?

Not known

13) Are you actively looking to source new burial plots? If so, what measures have been taken, at what cost and what have been the results?

No

14) Have you opened any new cemeteries in the last 30 years? Please provide details of names and number of plots.

No



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- 15) What alternatives, if any, do you offer for the disposal of human remains? For example, woodland burials, alkaline hydrolysis (dissolving) etc

Woodland burials

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