

Reference: RFI 1805003

**Request:**

I am writing to request the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act:

1. How many public health funerals were carried out in the financial year 2016/17?
2. What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority in 2016/17?
3. If you recovered funeral costs in 2016/17, what was the total amount that was recovered?
4. What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral in 2016/17? (Choose one option below)
  - 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
5. How many public health funerals were carried out in the financial year 2017/18?
6. What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority in 2017/18?
7. If you recovered funeral costs in 2017/18, what was the total amount that was recovered?
8. What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral in 2017/18? (Choose one option below)
  - 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

**Response:**

Information on Public Health Funerals can be found at:

[http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse-display.shtml?p\\_ID=528405&p\\_subjectCategory=1307](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse-display.shtml?p_ID=528405&p_subjectCategory=1307)  
including the spreadsheet attached to that page