



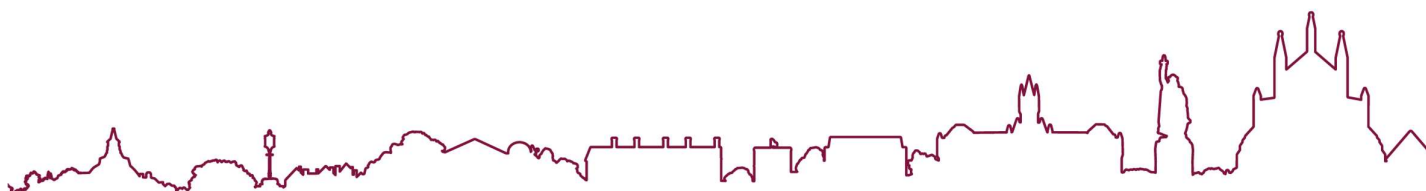
FOI REF:	15351
RESPONSE SENT:	02/04/2025

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request the following information regarding funerals arranged by the Council under Section 46 Public Health Act 1984 (England and Wales) and Section 87 of the Burial and Cremation Act 2002 (Scotland).

1. How many such funerals has the Council arranged since 18 December 2024?
In each case please disclose:
 - a) The name and last residential address of the deceased
 - b) The deceased's dates of birth and death
 - c) Whether the deceased's next of kin/family members have been traced
 - d) Whether the deceased's estate has been referred to the Government Legal Department or elsewhere Has the Council passed this information to any other individual or organisation (either formally through a FOI request or by other means)?
2. Does the Council work with any genealogist?
If so, which?
3. Does the Council publish a list of Public Health Funerals it has arranged?
If so:
 - a) Where is the list published (please provide web url if on-line)?
 - b) How often is the list updated?
 - c) When was the list last updated?
4. Who in the Council is responsible for the Council's Public Health Funerals?
Please advise us of their names and contact details.

Thank you for your assistance. If the Council prefers not to receive FOI requests from us, please ask your Public Health Funerals team (or equivalent) to email my colleague nickbeetham@fraserandfraser.co.uk to discuss and he will be able to deal with their request.



Response

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Please see 'List of Public Health Funerals' documents at [Deaths, Funerals and Burials - Winchester City Council](#). We consider details of the full last known address of the deceased to be exempt under section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act (prevention and detection of crime) as this address, if unoccupied might still contain the deceased's personal effects. There is an inherent strong public interest in avoiding likely prejudice to the prevention of crime.

All cases have been referred to Finders International.

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If so, which? Finders International

3. Does the Council publish a list of Public Health Funerals it has arranged?

If so:

- a) Where is the list published (please provide web url if on-line)? [Deaths, Funerals and Burials - Winchester City Council](#)
- b) How often is the list updated? Approximately every 4 weeks.
- c) When was the list last updated? 2 April 2025

4. Who in the Council is responsible for the Council's Public Health Funerals? Please advise us of their names and contact details.

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