

ND ref. **FOI/16/040**

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your 25/04/16 request for the following information:

1) How many public health funerals has this NHS Trust arranged each year from 2010 to 2015?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number
2010	4
2011	4
2012	5
2013	4
2014	4
2015	7

Please note: Our Trust holds 'contract funerals' not 'public health funerals'. Public Health funerals are held by local authorities.

2) How much money has this NHS Trust spent on public health funerals each year from 2010 to 2015?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Cost	Note
2010	£4,613	Of which £4,394 has been recovered from the deceased estate.
2011	£5,006	Of which all costs were recovered.
2012	£4,397	Of which all costs were recovered.
2013	£6,238	Of which £5,134 were recovered.
2014	£4,922	Of which all costs were recovered.
2015	£13,210	Of which £9,871 of costs have currently been recovered, however 3 cases are still open and we may still recover these costs.
TOTAL	£38,386	Net cost to Trust 2010 – 2015 is currently £4,662 with 3 cases still open.

3) What was the most expensive, and the cheapest, public health funeral this NHS Trust arranged during 2010-2015? How much did each cost?

Answer: The most expensive was £1,908 in 2015. The cheapest was £927 in 2010.

4) What was the age and gender of the youngest person and oldest person to be given a public health funeral from 2010-2015?

Answer: The youngest was 51 years and male, the oldest was 93 years and also a male.

5) *How many burials were there during 2010-2015? How many cremations were there during 2010-2015?*

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Burial	Cremation	Notes
2010	1	2	1 not recorded
2011	1	3	
2012	1	4	
2013	0	4	
2014	1	3	
2015	2	5	
Total	6	21	

6) *Where does this NHS Trust bury/cremate a person for a public health funeral?*

Answer: Burial: in a council cemetery (Barnstaple unless requested otherwise for religious reasons) or a specific churchyard if requested by the deceased before they died. Cremations take place at North Devon Crematorium, Barnstaple.

7) *How many times is an unmarked grave used?*

Answer: Never.