THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

FOI 011416

1. The total number of public health funerals (where the deceased has no relatives or there is no one else willing to pay) that your

Trust has undertaken for the financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13?

The Trust has undertaken the following public health funerals for patients that have no family whatsoever.

2010/11 7

2011/12 3

2012/13 0

The Trust does not hold information for patients that have relatives who are not willing to pay, this information is held by Social Services.

2. The number of public health funerals that your Trust has undertaken by gender for the past 3 financial years?

2010/11 3 female 4 male

2011/12 3 male

3. The number of public health funerals that your Trust has undertaken by age for the past 3 financial years?

Since April 2010, how many cases have there been where family and friends refuse to finance or make arrangements for their relatives

funeral?

59years 1

65years 1

66years 1

69years 1

71years 1

78years 2

82years 1

87years 1

88years 1

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4. How much have the burials/cremations cost the Trust broken down by year for the last three financial years? This cost information

does not need to include administrative or staff costs, and before any costs are claimed back by the local authority from the

deceased's estate

2010/11 Approx £7500.00

2011/12 Approx £3150.00

5. How much does your trust typically (average cost) pay for a Public Health Funeral?

£1067.69

6. What does your Trust provide at a Public Health Funeral?

Hearse, Coffin, Obituary announcement, Spray of flowers

7. What relationship do you have with your local council(s) regarding funerals of this nature?

Local council will provide a property search to provide the Trust with as much information about the deceased as possible

8. Have you observed any of the following over the last three years?

• Higher numbers or people dying without any income or assets

Yes

• Higher numbers of people dying with family or friends unable to contribute to the costs of a funeral

Yes

• Higher numbers of people dying with family or friends unwilling to contribute to the costs of a funeral

Yes

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With reference to your FOI request that was received on 08/04/2013 in connection with 'Public Health Funerals'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is attached.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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