

THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Freedom of Information request 011677

Has the Trust*, or the employees within the Trust*, contacted the local council or coroner for when a patient has died within the care of the Trust*, and was in need of a public health funeral?

Yes

Has the Trust*, or the employees within the Trust*, contacted the local council or coroner for when a patient has died within the care of the Trust*, and there were no known next of kin to provide a funeral?

Yes

What is the name of the person(s) who refers this information to the council or coroner? (Include name, department, address, and email address) -

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Bereavement Office, Russells Hall Hospital, DY1 2HQ.

Beverley Astley,

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What is the name and address of the solicitor used by the Trust* after a patient has died? Does this solicitor have a contract with the Trust*?

Trust staff handle the process and it would only be on a rare occasion that the Trust would use a solicitor.

The Trust holds a contract with HealthTrust Europe which includes the provision of legal services

<http://www.healthtrusteurope.com/>

Does the Trust*, or the employees within the Trust*, contact an external company to trace the next of kin of the patient who has died within the care of the Trust*? What is the name of the company or firm who identifies/traces the next of kin?

Estates Research, Wigan

If this is done internally, what is the name and address details of the internal staff & department who deals with this? (Include name, department, address, and email address)

Not applicable

Under what circumstances has the Trust*, or employees within the Trust* contacted the Treasury Solicitor, Bona Vacantia Duchy of Cornwall, Duchy of Lancaster, QLTR, Ultimus Haeres, Farrer & Co

When bereavement staff arrange a funeral where there is no next of kin and the estate is more than £500.00

What is the name of the person(s) who refers information to the Treasury Solicitor, Bona Vacantia Duchy of Cornwall, Duchy of Lancaster, Ultimus Haeres, QLTR and/or Farrer & Co? (Include name, department, address, and email address)

The Finance Department, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2HQ

Who is responsible for providing the funeral? (Include name, department, address, and email address)

Diane Reynolds and Beverley Astley, Bereavement Office, Russells Hall Hospital, DY1 2HQ -

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Has the Trust*, or hospitals within the trust ever been listed as an informant on <http://www.bonavacantia.gov.uk/output/advertised-estates.aspx> under the heading "Click here for the list of new and historic unclaimed estates"

The Trust does not hold this information

What is the name of the person(s) who sent this information to the Bona Vacantia? (Include name, department, address, and email address)

Not applicable

How many deaths, with no known next of kin have occurred within the Trust* since January 2013?

None

How many deaths, or information about the death have been referred to the Treasury Solicitor, Bona Vacantia Duchy of Cornwall, Duchy of Lancaster, Ultimus Haeres, QLTR and/or Farrer & Co

None

Of the deaths, where there have been no known next of kin or been referred to: Treasury Solicitor, Bona Vacantia Duchy of Cornwall, Duchy of Lancaster, Ultimus Haeres, QLTR and/or Farrer & Co; please provide the name of the deceased, date of death, last known address and whether the next of kin have been traced

From January 2013, none

*** Refers to the Trust and Hospitals within the Trusts**