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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012410 – Public Health funerals

1. Has the Trust conducted any 'Public Health Act Funerals since 01/03/15 to the Present (can you include up to the date you respond to my request)?

Clarification:

No, The Trust conducts funerals where a patient has died within The Trust and has no relatives and/or no one is willing to pay.

Public Health funerals, 'death in the community' are handled by Dudley MBC who will hold the information your require for this request.

2. If the answer to this question is yes, can you disclose:

- a) The full names of the deceased
- b) The date of birth of the deceased
- c) The date of death of the deceased
- d) The last known address of the deceased
- e) Whether the details of the deceased, have been/will be or are likely to be referred to the Government Legal Department (if you are not sure then can you just answer that field 'unsure, or unknown' or words to that effect).

Not applicable

3. Have there been any similar FOI requests to this (within the time scale outlined in question 1)

Please see the Trust's disclosure log under the following link: <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

Please type the word 'funerals' into the search box.

4. Has the Trust given this information away to any other individual or organisation outside the parameters of FOI (other than the Government legal department or internally) within the time scale outlined in question 1 -

No

5. Has the Trust always disclosed details on Public Health Funerals? Or has the Trust refused in the past but then changed its stance after an appeal/internal review? (In terms of time scale can you search as far back as you can without breaching the costs allocated for an FOI request, which does not require the requestor to pay fees).

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6. If the Trust has refused in similar requests to this in the past and then changed its approach to disclosure

- a) What exemption Clauses were used to block the request - N/A
- b) On what basis did the Council change its approach to disclosure - This is an NHS Foundation Trust not a council
- c) If it changed its approach on the basis of an appeal, could you send me a copy of that appeal? - N/A