

Freedom of Information Report **FOI / 11037**

Question (dated:04/05/2021)
Requestor Category: Whatdotheyknow

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4. The relationship between the trust and the local authority/authorities when it comes to public health funerals and the processes involved in deciding who is responsible for arranging them.

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Response – Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust

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The Trust confirms it holds the information requested under section 1(1)a of the Freedom of Information Act. There were less than 10 public health funerals undertaken by the Trust for patients who have died of Covid (within 28 days of the first positive test) with no known relatives or next of kin. The Trust applies an exemption under section 41 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act (Information provided in confidence in relation to patients that are deceased and are not afforded

rights under the GDPR) and has not provided any figures less than 10. Due to the low numbers, further details relating to the patients cannot be released.

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PAT Cremation cost approx £1458. Burial's vary across different areas, range from £855 to £1540

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Response – Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust

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SRFT Cremation £1.478.00 Burial costs vary across the area.

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