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DISTRICT COUNCIL
— North Nottinghamshire —

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Dear Ms O'Connell

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act Ref 313/21 dated 14th June 2021, requesting information on the number of burials / cremations for the years 2015 to 2020.

Whilst the Act confers a general right of access to information held by public authorities, Section 1 provides that any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled:-

- a) To be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- b) If that is the case to have that information communicated to him', subject to the effect of the exemptions in Part 11 of the Act.

Therefore pursuant to the Council's duty to confirm or deny whether or not it holds the information requested I can confirm the following:-

1. Please can you provide the number of cremations and the number of burials for the years 2015 to 2020.

Bassetlaw District Council is a burial authority and as such the figures attached below are for internments only. The information is provided from 1st Jan to 31st December each year.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Ashes Internments	94	96	90	109	84	114
Burials	181	159	159	187	148	178

If you are dissatisfied with the Freedom of Information response set out in this letter you are able to utilise the Council's complaints procedure which allows one right of review via this system. Details can be found using the link below:

<http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/everything-else/about-us/complaints-compliments.aspx>

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint the Act confers a further right to complain to the Information Commissioner at www.ico.gov.uk . During the current circumstances with the Coronavirus Pandemic the ICO are asking if possible to be contacted online and not to correspond by post. You can also call them on 0303 123 1113 or via email mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk . However the Information Commissioner will not usually consider a complaint if the complainant has not utilised their one right of review via the Council's complaints procedure.

I trust this answers your query fully.

Yours sincerely

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