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Dear Mr Ogden,

**Your application under the Freedom of Information Act for:**

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 between 2007 and 2010
2. The number of public health funerals that your Trust has undertaken by gender for the past 3 financial years
3. The number of public health funerals that your authority has undertaken by age for the past 3 financial years
4. Since April 2009, how many cases have there been where family and friends refuse to finance or make arrangements for their relatives funeral?
5. How much have the burials/cremations cost the trust broken down by year for the last three financial years?
6. How much does your trust typically (average cost) pay for a Public Health Funeral?
7. What does your Trust provide at a Public Health Funeral?
8. What relationship do you have with your local council(s) regarding funerals of this nature?

We will endeavour to ensure that you receive the information by the 18 June 2010 (inclusive of 31 May 2010 Bank Holiday Monday), which is 20 working days from the receipt of your request.

If we believe it may take more than 20 days to provide this information or we feel it may go over the cost limit of £450 we will inform you before the end of the 20 days so we can discuss your options.

Yours sincerely,

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