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I write further to your email dated 25 January 2021.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

Questions 1-4 relate to the financial year 2019/20 between 1st April 2019 and 31st March 2020.

1. How many public health funerals were carried out in the financial year 2019/20?
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2. What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority in the financial year 2019/20?
£4,844
3. If you recovered funeral costs in the financial year 2019/20, what was the total amount that was recovered?
£1000
4. What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral in 2019/20?
(Choose one option below)
The deceased's family were unable to pay for the funeral.

Questions 5-8 relate specifically for the time period between 1st March and 31st December 2020

5. How many public health funerals were carried out between 1st March and 31st December 2020?
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6. What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority carried out between 1st March and 31st December 2020?
£432 April 2020 to December 2020.
7. If you recovered funeral costs between 1st March and 31st December 2020, what was the total amount that was recovered?
£500 April 2020 to December 2020.

8. What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral between 1st March and 31st December 2020? (Choose one option below)

The deceased's family were unable to pay for the funeral.

Questions 9-11 are general questions relating to your policies on public health funerals:

9. Are family members allowed to attend the public health funeral?

Yes.

10. If the funeral is a cremation funeral, are the ashes returned to the family?

N/A, we carry out burials only.

11. If you answered YES to 10, was there a cost to the family to have the ashes returned to them?

N/A.

12. Have you seen a rise in demand for public health funerals in the last year (1st January to 31st December 2020) which you believe is as a result of COVID-19?

No.

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Yours sincerely

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