



My Ref: FOI 6282
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing to request the following information regarding funerals arranged by the Council under Section 46 Public Health Act 1984 (England and Wales) and Section 87 of the Burial and Cremation Act 2002 (Scotland).

1. How many such funerals has the Council arranged since 17 March 2026?

3

2. In each case please disclose:

a) The name and last residential address of the deceased

This information is exempt under section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act), public authorities are not obliged to release information that would be likely to prejudice the functions of law enforcement- namely the prevention and detection of crime.

We have previously made enquiries to the Metropolitan Police which indicate the release of this type of information where buildings are situated, would increase the potential for:

- Buildings to be targeted by squatters
- Buildings to be targeted by criminals intent on hiding or depositing proceeds of crime of terrorist materials
- Premises to be identified as short-term hiding places by criminals
- Premises to be targeted by vandals or street artists

b) The deceased's dates of birth and death

DOB: 21/09/1949 DOD: 29/03/2026

DOB: 09/12/1969 DOD: 05/06/2026

DOB: 13/09/1936 DOD: 10/04/2026

c) Whether the deceased's next of kin/family members have been traced

Yes for all 3 cases

d) Whether the deceased's estate has been referred to the Government Legal Department or elsewhere

No for all 3 cases

3. Has the Council passed this information to any other individual or organisation (either formally through a FOI request or by other means?)

No FOIs

4. What is the Council policy on referring Bona Vacantia matters to the relevant authorities across the UK?

The Council policy is to refer all estates to BV over £500 if there is no known next of kin.

5. Does the Council work with any genealogist? If so, which?

Yes – Estate Research and Hoopers

6. Does the Council publish a list of Public Health Funerals it has arranged? If so:

No but is looking to do this in the future

a) Where is the list published (please provide web url if on-line)?

b) How often is the list updated?

c) When was the list last updated?

**Who in the Council is responsible for the Council's Public Health Funerals?
Please advise us of their names and contact details.**

Public Health Funerals team – publichealthfunerals@barnsley.gov.uk 01226 772431

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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