



My Ref: FOI/ 5446  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
E-Mail: [informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto: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: -

- 1. Please can you confirm how many paupers funerals you have arranged in the last 5 years? If you could split into each year that would be great?**
- 2. Please can you confirm for the last five years how much this has cost the council in the last five years. Again if you could split into years that would be great.**
- 3. Please can you provide your working procedure for dealing with such claims?**
- 4. Please can you confirm if you have a contract with a local undertaker, or business who deals with these on your behalf? If so, is this contract put out as part of a tendering process?**
- 5. Please can you confirm what checks are carried out to ensure that the burial or cremations has been carried out with respect and dignity?**
- 6. Does the government offer the councils any money back as part of this service you provide?**

1. 2021 – 12  
2022 – 9  
2023 – 7  
2024 – 11  
2025 – 21

2. 2021 - £8719.09  
2022 - £3629.00  
2023 - £2712.00  
2024 - £11212.41  
2025 - £10369.85

3. Referrals are received for anyone who passes away intestate, or the family are unable or unwilling to make funeral arrangements. Funeral expenses are recouped from the deceased estate if they have enough funds. Large estates are referred through to the treasury solicitor if there is no next of kin.
4. No contract. Public Health Funerals are managed in-house.
5. We undertake cremations at our own facility where dignity and respect are foremost in our operation.
6. No.

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:

Barnsley MBC  
Information Requests Team  
PO Box 634  
Barnsley  
S70 9GG  
email: [informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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