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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4857**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 18th August 2021.

Your request was as follows:

If your NHS Trust organises and carries out public health funerals for people who die in the trust's care and who don't have the financial means or family/friends to arrange it please can you answer the following? (please see the attached spreadsheet I have put together to help you collate the data):

a) How many public health funerals has your council carried out each year for these financial years (April 1st - March 31st): 2019/2020 & 2020/2021? Please give figures relating to the date of funeral, rather than death if possible. Please DO NOT include still births.

b) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were male and how many of those men had next of kin and how many of those men did not have next of kin?

c) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were female and how many of those women had next of kin and how many of those women did not have next of kin?

d) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were aged under 18, aged 18-59 or aged 60+

e) Please state, out of the above figures, how many of those people were cremated, how many were buried in a grave of their own and how many were buried in a shared or communal grave (if that's applicable).

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has carried out no public health funerals in 2019/2020 & 2020/2021.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4857 in any future communications.**

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Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

**Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**