Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

How much money was spent by the council on contracts with providers of funerals in order to fulfil the provisions of the National Assistance Act 1948 that state that Public Health Funerals should be arranged for individuals who have died and have no known relatives to arrange or pay for the funeral, or have relatives who are unable/unwilling to arrange the funeral?

I would like this figure broken down by year for the years: 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15.

Could I then have the stats for each year broken down into male and female?

Could you also provide a list of the contractors and how much they were paid for each contract within those years?

Could you also provide the reasons why councils may find themselves providing funerals?

Would you be able to break down the numbers for each year into those which are provided because they have no relatives and those who have relatives but they are unwilling to pay?

If possible, could you provide the documentation or notation given that showed the relatives did not want to pay for the funeral? Could you provide the reasons that these relatives gave for not paying for the funeral?

Response:

All publicly available information regarding public health funerals in Rutland is available online at:

https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/funerals-and-cemeteries/public-health-funerals/?RHC_tab=1

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Yours faithfully

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