

Request 9459 – PH Funerals

1. What enquiries are generally conducted by the local authority to identify a found unidentified body?
2. How and where is information relating to public health funerals recorded and stored? (Please comment on both digital and physical recording/storing)
3. Does the recorded information include the location of the bodies within cemeteries or crematoriums?
4. Are unidentified bodies usually buried or cremated?
5. Are cases of unidentified bodies reviewed? If so, what does this involve and when?
6. What records and systems are cross matched with information relating to cases of unidentified bodies?
7. When is information relating to public health funerals deleted or destroyed?
8. How is information relating to public health funerals shared between individuals, departments, police forces, different agencies, and with the public?
9. Are there any differences in the above processes relating to unidentified body parts? If so, what are the differences?
10. Who has the overall responsibility for public health funerals within the local authority?
11. How can the management of information related to unidentified bodies be improved?
12. Is there a person within the local authority who would be willing to be contacted by the PhD researcher to answer further questions that will take approximately 30 minutes? If so, what are their contact details?

Response

1. What enquiries are generally conducted by the local authority to identify a found unidentified body? N/A- the Council has no record of dealing with an unidentified body.

2. How and where is information relating to public health funerals recorded and stored? (Please comment on both digital and physical recording/storing) Information is [stored on a spreadsheet, a public register and the Council website.](#)
3. Does the recorded information include the location of the bodies within cemeteries or crematoriums? No.
4. Are unidentified bodies usually buried or cremated? N/A- the Council has no record of dealing with an unidentified body.
5. Are cases of unidentified bodies reviewed? If so, what does this involve and when? N/A- the Council has no record of dealing with an unidentified body.
6. What records and systems are cross matched with information relating to cases of unidentified bodies? N/A- the Council has no record of dealing with an unidentified body.
7. When is information relating to public health funerals deleted or destroyed? A minimum of 7 years later.
8. How is information relating to public health funerals shared between individuals, departments, police forces, different agencies, and with the public? Through the coroner's office.
9. Are there any differences in the above processes relating to unidentified body parts? If so, what are the differences? N/A- the Council has no record of dealing with an unidentified body.
10. Who has the overall responsibility for public health funerals within the local authority? Environmental Health.
11. How can the management of information related to unidentified bodies be improved? N/A- the Council has no record of dealing with an unidentified body.
12. Is there a person within the local authority who would be willing to be contacted by the PhD researcher to answer further questions that will take approximately 30 minutes? If so, what are their contact details? No.