

Reference: FOI0720

Request:

I am applying under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information about burials and cremations from the council.

Please could you provide the following:

1. Number of grave spaces available at present, broken down by site.

This part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The reason for this is that only information from 1995 is computerised and it would therefore involve searching through all manual records.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

2. The number of burials that are carried out each year for the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014.

Please see spreadsheet attached.

3. The number of cremations carried out each year for the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014.

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4. How long will it be until the council runs out of grave space?

This information is not held.

5. Are there any plans to expand the councils burial space at present? If so, what are they?

No plans at present.

6. How much does it cost for an individual to be buried in the graveyards?

Please see spreadsheet attached.

7. How much does it cost for an individual to be cremated?

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