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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-16-0137 - Public Health Funerals
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 27 January 2016. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

This request relates to public health funerals in relation to Section 46 of the 1984 Public Health Act.

1) Please tell me how many public health funerals the council arranged and paid for in the last five years 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011. Also how many you arranged and paid for between 2000 and 2010.

Please see below:

2000-01 = 43
2001-02 = 41
2002-03 = 47
2003-04 = 50
2004-05 = 45
2005-06 = 60
2006-07 = 52
2007-08 = 45
2008-09 = 60
2009-10 = 41
2010-11 = 38
2011-12 = 42
2012-13 = 36
2013-14 = 26
2014-15 = 40

2) Please tell me how much a public health funeral costs on average or specifics for each funeral if practical.

The exact cost of each burial / cremation cannot be determined due to varying factors such as doctor's fees, press obituary, house clearance, officers time etc. However, ACC can provide the following fixed costs:

- a) The Funeral Director's cost for a Burial is £146.50
The Council's current charge for an interment is £577.00
- b) The Funeral Director's cost for a Cremation is £123.00
The Council's current charge for a cremation is £693.00

3) Please tell me how much money was recovered by the council from deceased people's estates to pay for funerals in the years above?

The figures below relate to the year received which does not necessarily relate to the year of the funeral.

2000-01 = £19,916.91
2001-02 = £26,174.29
2002-03 = £10,556.96
2003-04 = £21,993.89
2004-05 = £23,196.55
2005-06 = £38,403.79
2006-07 = £31,329.36
2007-08 = £17,207.15
2008-09 = £15,443.95
2009-10 = £16,260.97
2010-11 = £16,775.80
2011-12 = £2,435.16
2012-13 = £32,587.58
2013-14 = £10,224.01
2014-15 = £5,702.15

4) Please tell me the total amount of money recovered from deceased peoples estates in the above dates?

£299,198.61.

5) Please give details, if held, of any totals of estates left by people needing a public health funeral

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **details of any totals of estates left by people needing a public health funeral** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

6) If you hold specifics then please give them of dates and names of deceased needing public health funeral.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **dates and names of deceased needing a public health funeral** as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing this part of your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with Section 38(2)(a)(i) – Personal Information - of the FOISA.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(1)(b) applies to the information specified above as the information in question is personal information relating to living individuals, of which the applicant is not the data subject.

ACC considers that releasing this information would allow the identification of the deceased's next of kin or close relatives and ACC therefore must consider that this information is the personal information of these individuals and that Section 38(1)(b) applies to this information.

Further, ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(2)(a)(i) applies, as we consider that disclosure of this information would be a breach of the first Data Protection Principle (that personal information must be processed fairly and lawfully). ACC believes releasing this information about deceased persons will allow the identification of their next of kin or close relatives, something which these individuals have not consented to and would have no expectation that ACC would release.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Buchan
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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