

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 12 December, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust can provide the information below in response:

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your hospital mortuary(s):

- 1) Please could you provide me with a list of bodies that have been stored for over 28 days at hospital mortuary, broken down by gender, date admitted, time stored for, and if released, the date of release. Please could you limit the search to the past 36 months. Please could you provide the information in excel or csv format.
- 2) Whether you expecting any mortuary capacity issues due to cold weather this winter, and what your plans to deal with capacity issues are (if you have plans)?
- 3) Can you estimate what percentage of cases are referred for a social funeral?
- 4) Could you let me know whether rising funeral costs are responsible for delays in bodies being released?

Response:

The Trust does not operate any mortuary facilities, and holds no information in relation to your request as a result. The Trust advises making a request to Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT who do operate mortuary facilities.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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