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#### **Request/Response**

1. How many public health funerals were carried out in the financial year 2019/20?

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2. What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority in the financial year 2019/20?

#### £10,400

3. If you recovered funeral costs in the financial year 2019/20, what was the total amount that was recovered?

## £7,150

4. What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral in 2019/20? (Choose one option below)

- a. The deceased had no family
- b. The deceased's family were unable to pay for the funeral
- c. The deceased's family were unwilling to pay for the funeral

# Questions 5-8 relate specifically for the time period between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

5. How many public health funerals were carried out between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020?

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6. What was the total cost of public health funerals to the Local Authority carried out between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020?

#### £8,050

7. If you recovered funeral costs between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, what was the total amount that was recovered?

## £5,780

8. What was the most common reason for the council performing a public health funeral between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020? (Choose one option below)

#### a. The deceased had no family

- b. The deceased's family were unable to pay for the funeral
- c. The deceased's family were unwilling to pay for the funeral

## Questions 9-11 are general questions relating to your policies on public health funerals:

9. Are family members allowed to attend the public health funeral? Please answer Yes or No

10. If the funeral is a cremation funeral, are the ashes returned to the family? Please answer

Yes, If requested or No –

11. If you answered YES to 10, was there a cost to the family to have the ashes returned to them?

#### No cost to family

12. Have you seen a rise in demand for public health funerals in the last year (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020) which you believe is as a result of COVID-19?

- Yes, slight rise
- No
- Don't know