

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.810
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Thank you for your email dated 4 May 2021 requesting information regarding public health funerals and Covid-19 deaths.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

Original request:

1. How many public health funerals the trust has undertaken for patients who have died of Covid (within 28 days of the first positive test) with no known relatives or next of kin.

I'm looking for information relating to the period between March 2 2020 and March 2 2021. Can the information please be broken down by ethnicity, age and gender for each patient? If doing this exceeds the cost limit and the scope needs narrowing, could ethnicity be prioritised, followed by age, please?

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust does not undertake public health funerals; therefore we do not hold information for this part of your request.

2. How many Covid deaths (within 28 days of the first positive test) have been recorded by the trust between March 2 2020 and March 2 2021.

We can confirm that there have been 18 deaths of Covid-19 only during this period.

3. How much a public health funeral typically costs the trust, and if possible, how much has been spent on public health funerals by the trust between March 2 2020 and March 2 2021.

4. The relationship between the trust and the local authority/authorities when it comes to public health funerals and the processes involved in deciding who is responsible for arranging them.

5. What is provided by the trust at a public health funeral.

As stated above, we do not undertake public health funerals; therefore we do not hold information for questions 3, 4 & 5.

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