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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 04/05/2021.

- 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?**

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide this information as the Trust does not arrange public health funerals. Please note that all public health funerals are undertaken by Portsmouth City Council. Please contact Portsmouth City Council's Freedom of Information Team.

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- 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.**

Please see table below.

Month of Death	No of Deaths
Mar-20	58
Apr-20	148
May-20	34
Jun-20	4
Jul-20	0
Aug-20	1

Sep-20	7
Oct-20	8
Nov-20	52
Dec-20	147
Jan-21	348
Feb-21	132
Mar-21	9
Grand Total	948

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 02 2020 and March 2 2021.**
Please see question 1.
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.**
Please see question 1.
5. **What is provided by the trust at a public health funeral.**
Please see question 1.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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