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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

For the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022:

1. How many post-mortem examinations were performed?

2019	557
2020	642
2021	586
2022	661

2. What was the average number of days between the time of death and the release of the body after a post-mortem examination?

2019	11 days
2020	10 days
2021	13 days
2022	14 days

3. How many pathologists worked in the trust (in WTE)?

The Trust employed 1.8 WTE Pathologists carrying out post mortem examinations in 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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