

FOI REF: 25/227

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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:

1) Please could you provide by year how many Public Health Funerals were carried out by ESHT:

a)	2021	23
b)	2022	9
c)	2023	28
d)	2024	27

2) How many of these were for under 18 year-olds?

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3) Please could you provide by year how many of these Public Health Funerals were for deaths in Conquest Hospital:

a)	2021	18
b)	2022	3
c)	2023	15
d)	2024	15

4) Please could you provide by year what the total cost to ESHT was for Public Health Funerals:

a)	2021	£30,784
b)	2022	£11,635
c)	2023	£38,400
d)	2024	£37,100

5) Please advise currently how many employees are dealing solely with Public Health Funerals for ESHT.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (<u>esh-tr.foi@nhs.net</u>), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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

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Yours sincerely

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