

Ref FOI17 012
Date 24 May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

1. Has the Trust conducted any Public Health Act funerals since 01/01/14 to the present (up to and including the date of your response)?

Response -Yes.

2. If the answer to this question is yes, please disclose for each:

- a) The full name of the deceased
- b) The date of birth of the deceased
- c) The date of death of the deceased
- d) The last known address of the deceased

To respond to these questions would require manual examination of individual patient records. This information is considered to be 'information provided in confidence' and as such is exempt under Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

e) Whether details of the estate have been/will be or are likely to be referred to the Government Legal Department, if known.

Response - The Trust referred one death to the Bona Vacantia.

Have there been any similar FOI requests to this (within the time period outlined in question 1)?

Response: There were three requests in 2016. There were two requests in 2015.

Within the time period outlined in question 1, has the Trust ever used a genealogist, family researcher, 'heir hunter' or similar company to try to locate the next of kin of a deceased person for whom the Trust has taken responsibility for conducting a public health funeral? If so, which research company has been used?

Response: No.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on 1 April 2012 and does not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date, please contact the Department of Health.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed. A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team

