

***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 05 May 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

**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.**

The bereavement service here at MKUH would refer the deceased to Environmental Health, we do not undertake public health funerals at the Trust.

From March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 – March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 the Trust referred 3 patients who had died with Covid-19 on their death certificate.

Age/Gender: One female aged 93, and two male aged 91 and 85.

Ethnicity: two white British and one not stated

**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 count Covid-19 deaths as per the national guidance. The figure, and a description of the definition we are using, is published daily and can be found via the link below: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/> The link to the Trust level data is available in the daily spreadsheet in the section titled 'COVID-19 all announced deaths'.

**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.**

There are no costs to the Trust.

**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.**

The bereavement service is responsible for arranging the referrals to Environmental Health at Milton Keynes Council.

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

N/A

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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