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Dear [REDACTED]

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information about public health funerals/bona vacantia within the last four weeks. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Further to your request for:

- Full names of deceased
- Dates of death
- Last known address
- Estimated value of estates

We advise as follows. Please find attached the information you have requested from January 2012 to date, with the exception of "last known address" of the deceased. The Council will not be disclosing that information.

The Council considers this constitutes information whose disclosure to the wider world would raise concerns around Law Enforcement and that Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act") is engaged.

In this instance, the Council judges that the public interest in disclosure is outweighed by the public interest in allowing the Council to ensure the City of Coventry is protected from criminal activity. To give some context here, the Council considers that disclosure of the deceased's addresses would be a disclosure to the wider world and not to a specific individual for a particular purpose.

The Council is of the view that withholding this information is in the public interest as it is helping to avoid the risk of adding to the sum of criminal knowledge concerning empty properties within the City. In coming to this view, the Council has taken into account that there is a significant risk of increased burglaries of empty properties, including the stripping of fittings, theft of metal, lead and damage to property.

Please note that most of the information that you request is owned by the Coventry City Council and subject to copyright protection. Under the Re-Use of Public Sector Information 2005 Regulations you are free to use this information for your own use or for the purposes of news reporting. However, any other type of re-use under the Regulations, for example; publication of the information or circulation to the public, will require permission of the copyright owner and may be subject to terms and conditions.

We hope you feel that our response meets your request. However, should you be dissatisfied for any reason, you have a right to make representations about the outcome or handling of your request – in the first instance this must be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter, to the Council's Information Governance Team at:

Council House, Room 21a  
Lower Ground Floor  
Earl Street, Coventry.  
CV1 5RR  
[infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

Should you then remain dissatisfied, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

Yours sincerely

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**Working Days: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday**

**Information regarding persons who have died with no known next of kin  
January 2012 to Present**

**Referred to Treasury Solicitor and currently still outstanding an outcome**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Value of estate</b>	<b>Date referred to Tsol</b>
<b>VALERIE ANN BEESLEY OTHERWISE VALERIE ANNE BEASLEY FORMERLY VALERIE ANNE BEACH</b>	<b>8-8-1936</b>	<b>SINGLE? Not believed to have formally married</b>	<b>BEACH</b>	<b>10-11-2011</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>26-1-2012</b>
<b>DEREK THOMAS LOWE</b>	<b>10-3-1930</b>	<b>NOT KNOWN</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>18-3-2012</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>25-6-2012</b>
<b>ANTHONY IVOR FOSTER</b>	<b>6-8-1955</b>	<b>DIVORCED</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3-5-2012</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>27-6-2012</b>
<b>MAURICE RAYMOND WHENT</b>	<b>16-11-1938</b>	<b>DIVORCED</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>13-1-2012</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>12-10-2012</b>