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Dear 

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about public health funerals, which the Council received on 2 April 2013. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 200.

You have requested the following information;

1. How many public health funerals have been held by the Council since 1 October?
Please provide the cost for each funeral held?
2. For each funeral also provide:
 - a. Date of death and or date of birth of the deceased
 - b. Date of funeral provided
 - c. Name of deceased
 - d. Last known address
 - e. Have the next of kin been traced
 - f. Have the details been referred to the QLTR, treasury Solicitor, Duchy of Cornwall or any other organisation/governing body
 - g. The Council's reasons for providing this funeral?

Please find attached a table in response to questions 1 and 2 a, b, e, f, g, above. In connection with public health funerals the Council currently have no outstanding cases.

In connection with questions 2c and 2d the Council will not be disclosing this 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.

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I hope you feel that our response meets your request. However 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

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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