

## 35920 Funerals Provided by the Council

I am requesting the following information in respect of the authority's statutory responsibility for funerals under Section 87 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. These funerals are often known as Welfare, National Assistance or Public Health Funerals.

I would like to know how many funerals have been arranged for residents in the last three years (full years).

2021 – 36

2020 – 69

2019 – 54

Do you have a contract for Funerals? If so, who holds that contract and when does it expire?

We have a contract with Mark Porteous Funeral Directors Ltd. which is due to expire 02/12/2022.

Of those cases how many have been referred to the Queens and Lord Treasurers Remembrancer if next of kin have not been traced?

The City of Edinburgh Council do not refer to the Queens and Lord Treasurers Remembrancer (QLTR). We refer to the National Ultimus Haeres Unit so it would be for them to advise how many cases are then referred to the QLTR.

Please give the contact address details (office address, email and phone number) for the team undertaking Funerals within the council.

Bereavement Services, Mortonhall Crematorium, Howden Hall Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6TX, [Bereavement@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Bereavement@edinburgh.gov.uk), 0131 664 4314.

Please give details of the web address with information on how the public contact your council should they need the council's assistance in arranging a funeral under Section 87.

Unfortunately, this webpage is currently under construction and will not be available until later in the year.

What is your criteria for accepting a referral for a Section 87 Burial/Cremation?

Where no one else is making arrangements.

Does your council manage client finances under a Guardianship order?

If so, please give contact address details (office address, email and phone number) for the team undertaking the role.

Yes. The contact would be Social Care Direct at: [socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:socialcaredirect@edinburgh.gov.uk)

How many funerals have this team arranged in the past three years?

This information is not centrally held and the cost to locate, retrieve and provide this information would exceed the statutory maximum of £600.

Section 12(1) of the Act does not oblige a Scottish public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the statutory limit.