

37073 Unclaimed Bodies

Can you tell me, please, how many unclaimed bodies the council has in its mortuary?

If there are any unclaimed bodies, could you tell me their age, sex, cause of death and length of time they have been held in storage, and also whether their identity is known or if they are unidentified?

If possible, what is the reason they are being held in storage?

We do not hold any 'unclaimed bodies'. This term is neither used nor recognised by the City of Edinburgh Council. There may be deceased with us where nearest relatives have still to be identified or whose nearest relatives are considering the options available to them, and/or cases where the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) National Ultimus Haeres Unit (NUHU) are completing investigations. There are a number of these cases (which is variable) at any one time however we have no definition of 'unclaimed'.