

56436 Post-Mortem Services and Pathology Provision

The number of post-mortem examinations conducted in your local authority area in each of the last five calendar years (or financial years if more accessible).

2019/20 – 1,432

2020/21 – 1,609

2021/22 – 1,609

2022/23 – 1,933

2023/24 – 1,648

A breakdown of the types of post-mortems (e.g., standard, forensic, hospital, etc.) if recorded.

The number of pathologists currently available or on record for conducting post-mortems within your jurisdiction.

Whether your council has outsourced post-mortems to external companies or agencies – if so:

- The names of the companies or agencies used in the past five years.
- The fees paid to these external providers per post-mortem, if available.

The current fee structure or rates paid to pathologists per post-mortem, if these are directly commissioned by your authority.

The current backlog or waiting list for post-mortems (i.e., number of outstanding or delayed cases), as of the most recent data available.

If any of the information is not held by your authority but instead by a local coroner's office, NHS Trust, or another public body, I would appreciate it if you could direct me accordingly.

[The City of Edinburgh Council provides a forensic post mortem facility for the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service](#), who we would advise you should direct these questions to.