

FOI Reference Number: FOI/354/1920

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Request:

I would like to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act.

For the calendar years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively, what were the charges the council imposed as the burial authority for each of the following:

- Exclusive right of burial in plot/lair for 100 years (resident and non-resident)
- Interment fee for adult with exclusive burial rights (resident and non-resident)
- Cremation fee for adult (resident and non-resident) (if applicable)

Please provide values for each cemetery within your authority.

If the fees were altered at any point during the calendar year, please instead provide the absolute value for each on December 31 of the relevant year.

For each of the above calendar years for each of the cemeteries within your authority, please also provide

- The number of individual burials which took place
- The number of individual cremations that took place (if applicable)

Please also provide the estimated required burial space for your authority to 2030, and the estimated capacity

- Total number of plots required
- Total number of plots available

If there are any upcoming provisions to expand burial capacity within your authority, please specify.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 20 December 2019.

Information is attached in relation to the charges supplied.

A data sheet containing the information in relation to the number of burials for each cemetery is attached. These figures are only currently up to 31 December 2018.

No cremations took place within our Borough.

Total number of plots required until 2030 is 2,500.

Total number of plots available is 8,600.

Are there upcoming provisions to expand burial capacity - Council are currently exploring three separate sites in Ballymena (Clough), Larne and Carrickfergus.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/354/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, 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.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.