

FOI Reference Number: FOI/482/1819

Date: 08 February 2019

Request:

Please could you provide the following:

1. Number of grave spaces available at present, broken down by site
2. The number of burials that are carried out each year for the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
3. The number of cremations carried out each year for the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
4. How long will it be until the council runs out of burial space?
5. Are there any plans to expand the councils burial space at present? If so, what are they?
6. How much does it cost for an individual to be buried in the graveyards?
7. How much does it cost for an individual to be cremated?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 28 January 2019.

Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to graveyards and burials.

1. Number of grave spaces available at present, broken down by site
Please see attached document 'Cemetery Audit - all MEA Locations - January 2019'
2. The number of burials that are carried out each year for the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
Please see attached document 'Cemetery Burial Stats 2018'
3. The number of cremations carried out each year for the years 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
None
4. How long will it be until the council runs out of burial space?
There are 8,895 unsold plots as of December 2018 and our average new plots sold is 316 over the last three years. However, Council cannot accurately predict future burial need and the above figure

is an estimate of future burial need within the Borough of Mid and East Antrim.

5. Are there any plans to expand the councils burial space at present? If so, what are they?
Council is looking for new burial spaces within the Borough and in particular the East Antrim towns of Larne and Carrickfergus plus the north of Ballymena Town.
6. How much does it cost for an individual to be buried in the graveyards?
Please see attached 2017 Cemetery Pricing Policy.
7. How much does it cost for an individual to be cremated?
N/A

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/482/1819 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.