



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:21/02/2024

2024/136 - Coroner calls

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This information requested relates to the rota system that NWP have in place for corner calls (sudden deaths)

1. Is there a rota for each individual area on Anglesey or is it one rota system for the whole of the island?

Funeral Directors are assigned to each individual area they wish to cover.

2. Can you provide the names of the funeral directors on the rota system and the areas that they cover.

ARWYN HUGHES AMLWCH
ENFYS FUNERALS LTD, BANGOR
GRIFFITH ROBERTS & SON, VALLEY
J.P. TURNER & DAUGHTERS
JOHN HUGHES & SON, ANGLESEY
JOHN O WILLIAMS, BEAUMARIS
JONES BROTHERS BENLECH
MELVIN ROWLANDS LLANGEFNI
O R JONES & CO. HOLYHEAD
ROBIN HUGHES AND SON

3. Can you provide a breakdown detailing: Number of rota calls requiring action between January 2023 and December 2023 (inclusive) detailing who was contacted / who responded. Name of the deceased.

First Contact	Second Contact	Third Contact	Fourth Contact
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robin Hughes & Son (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
O R Jones & Co (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
John O Williams (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
O R Jones & Co (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Refused)	Robin Hughes (Notavail)	Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Griffiths Undertakers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Notavail)	Bryn Jones (Accept)	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Notavail)	Arwyn Hughes (Notavail)	Jones Brothers (Noanswer)	John Hughes & Son (Accepted)
Robin Hughes & Son (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Griffiths Undertakers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Hughes & Son	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robin Hughes & Son (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Noanswer)	Melvin Rowlands (Refuse)	Jones Brothers (Noanswer)	John Hughes & Son (Accepted)
Melvin Rowlands (Notavail)	Enfys Funerals (Accept)	N/A	N/A
Robin Hughes & Son (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Griffiths Undertakers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Hughes & Son (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Hughes & Son (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
O R Jones & Co (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robin Hughes & Son (Noanwer)	Griffiths Undertakers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A
Robin Hughes & Son (Noanwer)	Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Noanswer)	Robin Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A
Jones Brothers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
O R Jones & Co (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robin Hughes (Refuse)	Melvin Rowlands (Accept)	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Notavail)	Griffiths Undertakers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A

Jones Brothers (Noanwer)	Melvin Rowlands (Accept)	N/A	N/A
John O Williams (Refused)	Enfys Funerals (Accept)	N/A	N/A
Griffiths Undertakers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jones Brothers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Turner Funeral Services (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
J O Williams (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enfys Funerals (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Robin Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Notavail)	Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A
Griffiths Undertakers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jones Brothers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jones Brothers (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arwyn Hughes (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Melvin Rowlands (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Griffiths Roberts & Son (Accepted)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Concerns have been raised in relation to disclosing names of the deceased. Although deceased and therefore Data Protection Act does not come in to play, there are considerations to family/friends of the deceased.

Consequently, a public Interest Test has been carried out to weigh up the reasons for and against disclosure; to ensure the release is in the interest of the public as a whole and not just the applicant.

Section 38 (1) (a)(b) Health and Safety

Section 38 provides an exemption from disclosing information if it would endanger any individual (including the applicant, the supplier of the information or anyone else).

- The exemption does not necessarily deal with what are commonly thought of as health and safety matters such as establishing the cause of an accident.
- Section 38 focuses on two particular areas where disclosure of information would or would be likely to endanger:
 - i. the physical or mental health of any individual, or
 - ii. the safety of any individual.

Overall Harm

We do not know the reason/cause of death and to disclose the individuals names in to the public domain is likely to cause distress and upset to individuals concerned/family or friends.

Considerations favouring disclosure

The public can have informed discussions on the matter. Ensure North Wales Police are open and transparent.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure

It would be unfair to place into the public domain information which is likely to cause an individual, for example the family of the deceased, distress as disclosure could cause unwanted attention.

Balancing Test

It is recognised that transparency is the fundamental objective of the Freedom of information Act and this leads itself to a presumption of disclosure. However, this has to be balanced against the harm that would be likely to endanger the physical health and safety of any individual linked to the information the applicant seeks.

There is no benefit to the public as a whole to have this list of names.

In this case the decision is for non-disclosure.

Therefore, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (1) of the legislation.

4. Is it humanly possible to bypass the rota when needing to contact a funeral director for a rotational call.

Yes, is the short answer.

If the process isn't completed correctly and the request 'Accepted' then it is possible that the rota has not been utilised correctly. Further to this, it is possible to cycle through the available options and contact Funeral Directors outside of the rotational process. Our information Pages list the Funeral Directors that cover each area. This however is not the process trained or utilised and the answer is based on the terminology of the question.

5. Has a funeral director been appointed by NWP to respond to calls and arrange funerals when the coroner is involved?

Coroner Approved Funeral Directors are added to our Rotational Service. No one single Funeral Director has been appointed to respond to calls or arrange funerals.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 20/02/2023