



Response Date: 14/06/2024

2024/564 - Funeral Directors

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to know how many sudden or unexpected deaths have occurred in the counties of Conwy & Denbighshire, between Jan 1st and April 30th 2024, which have required the involvement of local funeral directors to transport the deceased to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd mortuary.

There have been a total of 156 recorded on our system. We don't have complete records for all the events to show where the body is removed to, those requiring coroners cases will almost always go to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd (YGC), Family requests not requiring Post Mortem may go direct to a funeral directors chapel of rest. The total number refers to those sudden deaths occurring in our central division are where YGC would likely be the destination of the body in coroners cases.

How are funeral directors selected to assist on sudden or unexpected deaths that require the deceased to be transported to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd.

Funeral directors are contacted by North Wales police at the request of the family where they request a particular company to deal with the deceased. North Wales Police operate a rota call out based on where in the force area the event has occurred. Undertakers list are provided and agreed by the coroner and those undertakers on that list have stipulated which areas they will cover. The system tells the operator who is next on that list for call out.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 13/06/2024