

Ref. No: 1261
Date: 09/10/24
Subject: No known next of kin

REQUEST

Please could you kindly send me any information you may hold relating to persons who have died with no known next of kin (*defined as blood relatives, this would include patients who have listed next of kin but where such persons are friends or non blood relatives) since 1/8/2024 to the day of your reply (or as close as possible).

I confirm that this is a new request for new data only.

Please include:

1. full names of deceased persons,
2. dates of death,
3. marital status,
4. maiden surnames of married or widowed females,
5. dates of birth or ages at death,
6. last known addresses,
7. estimated value of estates,
8. dates when the information was passed (or information that is about to be or likely to be passed) to any third party, if so to whom, or confirmation that this will not be happening and the reason why.

If your authority holds this information on your website, please confirm whether or not your website information is up to date and provide a link to this. If it is not please provide full details of any unpublished cases, as per the questions above.

RESPONSE

1. full names of deceased persons,
2. dates of death,
3. marital status,

4. maiden surnames of married or widowed females,
5. dates of birth or ages at death,
6. last known addresses,

The information is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 31(1)(a) of the Act states:

31. Law enforcement.

(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—
the prevention or detection of crime,

Guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office[i] states:

Section 31(1)(a) will cover all aspects of the prevention and detection of crime...The exemption also covers information held by public authorities without any specific law enforcement responsibilities...It could also be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime for example, by disclosing its own security procedures.

Information disclosed under Freedom of Information becomes publicly available. This means that the impact of disclosure must be considered from the general release of information and not limited to disclosure to one individual (the requestor).

The Trust determines that to disclose the names, Dates of death, marital status, maiden surnames of married or widowed females, dates of birth or ages at death, and last known address, would prejudice the security of the properties, estates and potential loss of tax. Consequently section 31 (1) (a) is being applied to this request.

7. estimated value of estates,

This data is not held

- 8. dates when the information was passed (or information that is about to be or likely to be passed) to any third party, if so to whom, or confirmation that this will not be happening and the reason why.**

N/A

- 9. If your authority holds this information on your website, please confirm whether or not your website information is up to date and provide a link to this. If it is not please provide full details of any unpublished cases, as per the questions above.**

None of this information is available on the website.