

Public Health Funerals conducted by Pendle Council between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019

Date of Death	Part Postcode	Type of Funeral	Cost of Funeral	Will	Referred to Duchy of Lancaster	Next of Kin found
13/10/2018	BB9 5	Cremation	£ 1,058.00	No	No	No
01/11/2018	BB9 8	Cremation	£ 1,058.00	No	No	Yes
12/02/2019	BB9 5	Cremation	£ 1,281.00	No	No	No
17/12/18	BB9 9	Cremation	£ 1,117.00	No	No	Yes

The cost to the Borough of Pendle in conducting the above public health funerals is £1958.10

Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Law Enforcement (prevention and detection of crime). Revealing details of the assets of an estate before the Duchy of Lancaster has undertaken their own enquiries would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed (for example theft or fraud). Similarly, there would be concerns about making the last known address of the deceased public, as the property is likely to be unoccupied and might contain the deceased's identify. Taking into account the above issues, the Council considers that there is no over-riding public interest in releasing the information requested. Any public interest would be best served by upholding the exemption under section 31 of the Act as disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime by enabling or encouraging the commission of offences.