



Please could you provide the following information for all crematoria facilities under your authority (if your authority is responsible for more than one crematorium, please provide data for each crematorium separately). The following questions are listed in order of priority.

### **Energy Consumption and Cost:**

1. How much energy, in kWh (kilowatt-hours), has been consumed via cremations for each of the past four years (year-end March 31<sup>st</sup>, with the latest year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024)? This is referring only to the energy consumption of the cremation itself, as opposed to ancillary energy use in the crematorium. If this information is not available, please provide total Scope 1 emissions from cremations over the same period as an alternative.
2. Could you please provide data on the cost of this energy consumption for each of the past four years (year-end March 31<sup>st</sup>, with the latest year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024)?

[See attachment 17066 - Energy](#)

### **Cremation Pricing and Frequency:**

1. Could you please provide data on the average revenue received for an attended and an unattended cremation for each of the past four years (year-end March 31<sup>st</sup>, with the latest year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024)? This is referring to cremation fees charged. Please provide separate answers for attended and unattended cremations, if possible.
2. What is the total number of attended and unattended cremations that have taken place for each of the past four years (year-end March 31<sup>st</sup>, with the latest year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024) in your crematorium? Please provide separate answers for attended and unattended cremations, if possible.

[See attachment 17066 - Cremation Figures](#)

3. Please also provide data on 'ancillary' cremation revenue received for each of the past four years (year-end March 31<sup>st</sup>, with the latest year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024). By 'ancillary', we mean any additional revenues received related to cremations, but outside of the core cremation fee. For example: cremation memorials / cremation plots, provision of in-house celebrant, photo tributes, etc.. Please provide data on this revenue broken down by type of revenue as is possible.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link:

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi\\_20043244\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf)

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

We are unable to split the ancillary revenue in the timescales allowed. In order to achieve a response at Q3 of your request would entail a manual trawl through over 4800 individual records. Four years at 1200 cremations per year would take on average 3 minutes per search equating to over 240 hours to locate, retrieve and provide the response – far in excess of the 18 officer hours stipulated in the FOI Act.

Month	2020 - 21	2021 - 22	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh
May	63,688	50,182	64,778	55,799
Jun	61,149	47,586	68,152	59,009
Jul	60,445	51,473	57,091	61,116
Aug	47,647	51,170	58,163	54,379
Sep	41,182	48,327	74,832	38,401
Oct	50,749	58,468	47,905	46,217
Nov	62,398	48,528	41,293	52,819
Dec	69,927	59,026	48,521	61,589
Jan	69,812	67,733	66,456	81,533
Feb	66,112	59,774	94,310	110,809
Mar	58,471	53,939	70,565	56,116
Apr	53,748	49,609	65,464	71,633
Total	705,328	645,815	757,530	749,420
Month	2020 - 21	2021 - 22	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
	Cost(£)	Cost(£)	Cost(£)	Cost(£)
May	2,070	1,824	9,143	8,979
Jun	2,008	1,751	9,614	11,626
Jul	1,979	1,864	8,093	16,028
Aug	1,627	1,863	8,249	14,724
Sep	1,445	1,774	10,526	11,046
Oct	1,705	2,082	6,838	11,877
Nov	2,043	1,780	6,357	11,630
Dec	2,246	2,100	7,851	9,214
Jan	2,252	2,380	10,113	11,816
Feb	2,147	2,131	15,947	14,313
Mar	1,905	1,924	14,260	8,054

	Direct Cremation	Attended Cremation	Direct Cremation Cost	Attended Cremation	Direct cremation Total income	Attended Cremation Total Income	Income Following Cremation
Returns 2020-2021	53	1273	£452	£743	£23,956	£945,839	£37,680
Returns 2021-2022	31	1054	£455	£750	£23,250	£790,500	
Returns 2022-2023	41	1273	£465	£765	£19,065	£973,845	£43,506
Returns 2023-2024	35	1090	£512	£842	£17,920	£917,780	