

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 22/07/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1.) *What is the most amount of post mortem cases that you are able to carry out in a single post mortem session?*

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2.) *How many hospital post mortem examinations did you undertake between 1st April 2018 – 1st April 2019? (NHS only)*

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3.) *How many coronial post mortem examinations did you undertake between 1st April 2018 – 1st April 2019?*

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4.) *What is the average number of hospital post mortem examinations that you have undertaken over the past 3 financial years? (NHS only)*

2.7 hospital post mortem examinations undertaken per year on average, over the past 3 financial years.

5.) *What is the average number of coronial post mortem examinations that you have undertaken over the past 3 financial years?*

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6.) *How many brain & spinal cord donations have you carried out over within the mortuary over the past 3 financial years?*

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate the information you have requested in a centralised system.

7.) *How many members of staff do you employ within the mortuary? (This includes administration staff)*

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8.) *What qualifications (In relation to mortuary activity) do your employees currently hold?*

Personal information of third parties is exempt from disclosure under Part II (Section 40 (2) - Personal Information) of the Act. Access to personal information is governed by different legislation, the Data Protection Act 2018.

9.) *What NHS pay bands are your employees in? (NHS only)*

3, 4, 7

10.) *What is your capacity for the storage of deceased?*

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11.) *Does your mortuary charge undertakers/service users for storage of deceased?
(Assuming that the deceased would remain in your care for an extended period of time once they have been released to go.)*

No

12.) *If the answer to question 11 is yes, are the premises risk assessed and do they coincide with HTA regulations?*

N/A

13.) *Do you store deceased patients' offsite with non NHS service users? (NHS only)*

No

14.) *Do you actively undertake increased risk post mortem work? (Blood borne)*

Yes

15.) *Do you actively undertake increased risk post mortem work? (Air borne)*

Yes