



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-305, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. How many such funerals has the Council arranged since 16 June 2025?
2. In each case please disclose:
 - a) The name and last residential address of the deceased
 - b) The deceased's dates of birth and death
 - c) Whether the deceased's next of kin/family members have been traced
 - d) Whether the deceased's estate has been referred to the Government Legal Department or elsewhere
3. Has the Council passed this information to any other individual or organisation (either formally through a FOI request or by other means)?
4. What is the Council policy on referring Bona Vacantia matters to the relevant authorities across the UK?
5. Does the Council work with any genealogist? If so, which?
6. Does the Council publish a list of Public Health Funerals it has arranged? If so:
 - a) Where is the list published (please provide web url if on-line)?
 - b) How often is the list updated?
 - c) When was the list last updated?
7. Who in the Council is responsible for the Council's Public Health Funerals? Please advise us of their names and contact details.

Response:

- 1 One
- 2a). Mr Gary Fenton
The Old School House,
School Lane,
Pymoor,
Ely, Cambridgeshire,
CB6 2EU
- 2b) Date of Birth 18.10.1957 - Date of death 10.08.2025
- 2c) Next of Kin traced
- 2d) The estate has not been forwarded to the government legal department or elsewhere
3. No this information has not been forwarded to another individual or organisation.
4. The Council will forward details to a Genealogist as I believe if it is sent direct to Bona Vacantia, they will do the same in the first instance.
5. East Cambridgeshire District Council does not have a formal arrangement or contract in place with a Probate Research firm. However, we have previously used genealogists Estate Research, Finders International, Athena Probate, Thames Probate and Anglia Research.
6. Yes
 - a) [Open data: Public health funerals | Open data | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#)
 - b) Quarterly
 - c) 1st October 2025
7. Richard Warren, Environmental Health Officer, Tel: 01353 665555

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-305.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.