

**Evans, Michael**

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**Subject:** Freedom of Information request

**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 2014 05:35 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** FOI request 14\_11\_14

This is a request for information under the freedom of information act and I hope you can assist me. I appreciate you might not hold all of the information below, but would like to know as much as you can provide.

I would like to know details of anyone who has died with no known next of kin from 1/8/2014 to the day of your reply. If there are any new cases where the person died prior to 1/8/2014, but that were only dealt with after this date, please also include details.

Please also supply a list of any Public Health Act Funerals carried out from the above date (also known as Welfare or Environmental Health Act funerals) if this does not form part of your reply to the above. This should include funerals carried out by the council or on behalf of any third party.

Please include:

1. the deceased's full names
2. the date they died
3. the approximate value of their estate
4. their dates of birth or age at death
5. whether or not they were married, divorced, single, or widowed
6. the maiden surnames of married females or widows
7. their address at death
8. the date when a referral was made of this estate to the Treasury Solicitor or Duchy of Lancaster or Cornwall or any other 3rd party to research or administer and the name of the 3rd party concerned.
9. If a referral to the Treasury Solicitor or Duchy has not yet been made and you think it will be made soon could you advise me of this too.
10. If a case is still undecided or awaiting referral, please also advise of details.

I prefer to receive replies by email only if this is possible and am grateful for your help.

## FOI Requests

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**From:** FOI Requests  
**Sent:** 17 November 2014 16:27  
**To:**  
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Dear

### **RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Further to your email received on 14 November in which you requested details on people dying with no next of kin being known at the time of death and whether there were any referrals to the Treasury Solicitors.

Please note due to the volume of requests the Council has received on this matter, information has now been published on the Council's website (see below web link for ease of reference).

<http://www.stockton.gov.uk/stocktoncouncil/goodgovernance/publicationscheme/publichealthfunerals/>

Because the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means the Council is not obliged to provide the information to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the Act makes clear that the right to have the information communicated is subject to exemptions and, in section 21, that Council does not need to provide information that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a corporate complaint by completing the complaint form, and return to Complaints Team, Children, Education and Social Care, Parkside, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 5 Bayheath House, Prince Regent Street, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1DF. Alternatively, you can complete the form online at

<http://www.stockton.gov.uk/stocktoncouncil/customerservices/complaintsandcommendations/>

A review of your complaint will then be undertaken by a nominated officer.

OR You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK1 0AF  
Tel: 0303 1231113  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)>

Yours sincerely

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