

Reference Number: FOI/2019/120
From: Private Individual
Date: 12 March 2019
Subject: Cremation form payments in 2018

- Q1 Please tell me how many times in 2018 doctors at your NHS Trust were required to sign cremation forms confirming that the deceased patient was not fitted with a pacemaker or radioactive implant.
- A1 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.
- Q2 Please tell me how many times in 2018 doctors were required to remove pacemakers from deceased patients before cremation could go ahead.
- A2 Zero - All devices removed by Funeral Director, if necessary.
- Q3 Finally, please tell me how much was charged in 2018 a) for the completion of one form confirming there was no pacemaker in the deceased and b) for the removal of pacemakers from deceased patients prior to cremation.
- A3 a) Standard fees ONLY are paid direct to the doctors for completion of Part 1 and Part 2 of a cremation document.
b) Information not held – not applicable as per A2 above