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Dear [REDACTED]

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Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 50857 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Handling and storage of deceased persons in a mortuary

Your request is set out below:

1. The average length of time deceased individuals are kept in your hospital mortuary prior to release for burial or cremation.
2. The minimum and maximum duration any deceased individual was retained in your mortuary during that period.
3. The total number of deceased released from your mortuary, broken down by:
 - a. Online funeral directors (those primarily operating through online platforms)
 - b. Local/traditional funeral directors (those with a physical local presence)
4. The average duration of stay in your mortuary for deceased individuals handled by:
 - a. Online funeral directors
 - b. Local funeral directors
5. The total number of requests for jewellery to be removed, broken down by:
 - a. Online funeral directors (those primarily operating through online platforms)
 - b. Local/traditional funeral directors (those with a physical local presence)
6. The total number of requests for the deceased to be dressed for viewing in the mortuary, broken down by:
 - a. Online funeral directors (those primarily operating through online platforms)
 - b. Local/traditional funeral directors (those with a physical local presence)

Please be advised that Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are a mental health organisation and therefore are unable to assist in your request.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department