

Public Health Funerals – 2021

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Place of Death	Type of Funeral	Next of Kin	Referred to Treasury Solicitor
John Stansfield	21/07/1947	19/01/2021	Bedford	Cremation	Yes	No
Matthew Reynolds	23/03/1969	03/02/2021	Bedford	Cremation	Yes	No

Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Law Enforcement (prevention and detection of crime). Revealing details of the assets of an estate before the Treasury Solicitor has undertaken their own enquiries would provide an opportunity for criminal acts to be committed (for example, theft or fraud.) Similarly, there would be concerns about making the last known address of the deceased public, as the property is likely to be unoccupied and might still contain the deceased's identity theft. Taking in to account the above issues, the council considers that there is no over-riding public interest in releasing the information requested. Any public interest would be best service by upholding the exemption under Section 31 of the Act as disclosure of the information would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime by enabling or encouraging the commission of offence.