

Derby City Council – Response
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Information Requested	Response
1. Number of mass (unmarked) graves containing still born babies	<p>The Council confirms it holds information that falls within the description of your request.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we have to advise you that we will not be able to answer this part of your request without exceeding the appropriate limit.</p>
2. Number of still born babies buried in mass (unmarked) graves	
3. Date of earliest mass (unmarked) grave	<p>Section 12: Exceeds appropriate limit</p> <p>Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit which is set at 18 hours (£450) for local authorities.</p> <p>This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days (£25 a hour) in determining whether the Council holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.</p> <p>Collectively to determine whether the information is held would involve manually checking 48 registers at 2 hours per record for each question.</p> <p>48 x 2 hours = 96 hours x 4 questions = 384 hours (£9,600) which exceeds the 18 hours (£450) appropriate limit.</p> <p>It would also divert the Bereavement Officer from their day-to-day work priorities of current funeral administration, memorial sales and customer queries and would impact/delay ordering memorials.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we cannot advise you how to refine your request so it can be processed within the appropriate limit. This is because it</p>
4. Date of last mass (unmarked) grave	

	<p>would still involve checking the records identified above which would exceed the appropriate limit.</p> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <p>All cemetery records are held at the Local Studies Library, Full Street, Derby. These records are accessible for the public to search.</p>
<p>5. In addition, please can you state whether or not burial records for these mass graves are available online.</p>	<p>Section 21: Information accessible by other means</p> <p>This exemption applies because the Council is not required to provide information that is publicly accessible.</p> <p>The records are not available on the Council website.</p> <p>However, the records are publicly accessible at:</p> <p>Derby Local Studies and Family History Library</p> <p>Riverside Chambers</p> <p>Derby</p> <p>DE1 3AF</p> <p>Phone: 01332 642240</p> <p>Email: localstudies.library@derby.gov.uk</p> <p>Website : Local Studies & Family History Library Libraries in Derby In Derby</p>

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