

Appendix A – Statistics for Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Services

Registration and Celebratory Service

The service has direct face to face contact with in excess of 30,000 people a year, not including those guests at our celebratory events or informal callers to office locations. Activity levels for 2017/18 are included here:

Activity (not for official statistical use)	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Direction of Travel	5 Year Average
Death Registrations	6,858	7,235	7,151	7,646	7,843	↑	7,347
Birth Registrations	5,704	5,620	5,531	5,422	5,131	↓	5,482
Marriages	2,047	2,152	2,069	2,296	2,160	↓	2,145
Marriage Notices	5,014	5,260	5,348	5,553	5,192	↓	5,273
Outward Birth and Death Declarations/ Re-Registrations	1,731	1,591	1,342	1,516	1,452	↓	1,526
Still Births	20	24	18	17	31	↑	22
Copy Certificate Requests	8,038	7,229	6,739	6,556	6,325	↓	6,977
Celebratory Services	154	154	226	166	148	↓	170
Citizenship Ceremonies	51	34	33	40	39	↔	39
Citizenship Attendees	569	293	242	382 (333 Adults 49 Child)	331 (286 Adults 45 Child)	↓	365
Civil Partnerships	65	17	7	4	6	↔	20
Civil Partnership Notices	106	28	20	4	14	↑	34
Civil Partnership Conversion to Marriage	-	73	66	13	13	↓	41
Nationality Checking Service Applications	286	175	234	200	184	↓	215
Commemorative Certificates	19	35	4	24	15	↓	19
Express Certificates	1,295	1,401	1,416	1,548	1,444	↓	1,421
European Passport Return Service (EPRS)	-	-	-	77	147	↑	N/A
Total	31,957	31,322	30,446	31,387	30,470	↓	

The level of activity per calendar year for the Coroners is found below:

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Direction of Travel	5 Year Average
Deaths referred to the Coroner	3,242	3,048	3,697	3,615	3,388	↓	3,398
Post Mortem Investigations	1,489	1,356	1,543	1,329	1,293	↓	1,143
Inquests	303	331	361	398	347	↓	348

The Coroners statistics have been taken from the information published by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

Budget Information

Registration and Celebratory Services budget:

Financial Year	Actual Expenditure	Budget Income Target Set	Actual Income Generated	Budget Allocated	Actual Budget Requirement
2013/14	£1,084,496	£1,012,743	£1,129,444	£221,407	-£30,660
2014/15	£1,020,637	£1,014,882	£1,167,429	£77,455	-£128,232
2015/16	£1,112,833	£1,231,860	£1,247,670	£63,566	-£134,837
2016/17	£1,114,003	£1,213,781	£1,290,618	- £34,188	-£176,615
2017/18	£1,096,932	-£1,193,898	-£1,239,796	-£80,671	-£142,864
2018/19	-	- £1,231,947	-	- £61,618	-

Coroners Service budget:

Financial Year	Budget	Actual Spend	Variance
2013/14	£1,094,360	£1,503,992	£409,632 (due to Long Inquests and additional service costs)
2014/15	£1,225,006	£1,513,037	£342,313 (due to Long Inquests and additional service costs)
2015/16	£1,292,710	£1,630,902	£338,192 (due to Long Inquests and additional service costs related to the higher death rate in 2015 and the impact of DoLS)
2016/17	£1,266,704	£1,643,688	Additional pressures included continuing Long Inquest payments, impact of DoLS and continuing high volumes of deaths
2017/18	£1,370,373 (£1,630,683)	£1,662,057	Additional budget was secured to support increased caseload
2018/19	£1,366,113	-	-

The budget for the Coroners Service is demand led, and needs to have the flexibility to respond to the requirement to investigate deaths as appropriate. This may involve additional pathology tests and post mortems which are difficult to predict. During 2015/16 a full review of the mortuary contract was undertaken to ensure that best value was obtained from these arrangements, with a new contract implemented in September 2015 for post mortem and mortuary facilities. In 2012/13 a review of body removals was conducted with a new contract implemented 1 April 2013, this was reviewed with a new contract re-tendered in December 2016 for implementation in April 2017. However additional expenditure has occurred through complex and detailed Inquests, the number of post mortems, increased caseload and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding cases, although the latter have now reduced due to a change in the legislation.

This page is intentionally left blank