

FOI 177/2015

REQUEST

1. From February 2015 to any pending please provide details of any deceased persons you have dealt with who have no known next of kin (or you cannot find next of kin).
2. Date of Death and Date of Birth.
3. Last known address.
4. The date passed onto TSOL or The Duchy Solicitor (plus any pending).
5. The Value of estate if known (approximately).
6. Please email your response.

RESPONSE

I refer to your request for information in relation to persons dying with no known next- of-kin and would inform you that the Authority holds the information requested, but is unable to provide this information because it is exempt under section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act (Law Enforcement) and is therefore being withheld.

Section 31(1) states that Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice —

(a) the prevention or detection of crime

We are applying this exemption because the release of personal details of a deceased individual with no known relatives and no will may make the assets of that person vulnerable and disclosure of the information may lead to the commission of offences and cause loss to the unsecured estates.

The Authority has applied the public interest test and determined that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.