

**FOI 569/2015**

**REQUEST AND RESPONSE**

1. How many crematoria are under the control of the Council?

**The crematorium in Weeley is the only one under the control of Tendring District Council.**

2. Does the Council have a policy for the introduction or removal of religious symbols, e.g. the Christian cross, from the associated 'chapels', when requested to do so by members of other faiths or of none?

**There is no policy for the introduction or removal of religious symbols. There is a cross in Weeley Crematorium chapel. When it is not required for a service the curtains are closed around the cross and it is not on display. We also have a portable Hindu symbol which was kindly donated by a family several years ago.**

3. If there is such a policy, could you please provide details of this policy?

**There is no policy.**

4. Do any of the crematoria currently contain any permanent/fixed religious symbols?

**See 2 above.**

5. What percentage of cremations held at your crematoria are non religious?

**The approximate percentage of cremations held at Weeley Crematorium which are non-religious is 10% - 15%.**