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REQUEST

Please can you tell me how many pathologists the trust has employed in each year for the last 6 years?

Also, for each year over the past 6 years please can you provide me with:

- the date a body arrived at the mortuary
- the date a post mortem was started on this body
- the date release papers were signed to allow this body to be removed from the mortuary following the completion of the post mortem

RESPONSE

Table 1: Consultants employed performing Post Mortems from 2012 to 2018

2013	7
2014	7
2015	8
2016	9
2017	9
2018	9

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- the date a body arrived at the mortuary
- the date a post mortem was started on this body
- the date release papers were signed to allow this body to be removed from the mortuary following the completion of the post mortem

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further

Average length of time a deceased's body has been kept in the mortuary for post mortem before being released. See Table 2.

Table 2: Average number of days deceased kept in mortuary from date of admission to date of release following post mortem.

2013	4.5
2014	6.0
2015	7.0
2016	7.5
2017	10.0
2018	10.0