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Dear

By email to

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which was received by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) on 14 September 2020. Your email outlined the following request:

Could you supply any information relating to the "stakeholder meeting on vascular composite tissues" that is referenced in the paper on the HTA policy on composite tissue, that was presented to the HTA Board in January 2011. This meeting was apparently scheduled to take place in 'early 2011' to discuss which composite tissues the HTA would include in its definition of an organ. We would be grateful for any information about this meeting, e.g. papers, minutes, notes, and any decisions as to which composite tissues were to be included.

Response

Reference is made to this meeting being postponed in the minutes of the Regulatory Policies Group meeting held on 6 December 2010. We have released the relevant part of this minute.

We do not hold any further records, for example papers, minutes, notes, on the stakeholder meeting outlined in your request.

Please note that we have been unable to search any paper records at this time due to the restrictions in being able to access our office during this time.

Further information

If you are unhappy with the way the HTA has handled your request for information in this case, you may in the first instance ask us for an internal review by writing to us at the above postal or email address.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have the right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision, at the address below. There is no charge for making an appeal.

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Yours sincerely

