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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI Act), which was received by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) on Monday 17 January 2022. Your email outlined the following request:

“Previously in an email dated 20-2-2014 you provided a response to a Freedom of Information Act request where you detailed the location, incident classification and summarised description of HTARIs for the 2013 calendar year.

Could you provide me with a similar response for HTARIs that took place in (a) the 2020 and (b) the 2021 calendar year?”

Response

The HTA holds information about Human Tissue Authority Reportable Incidents (HTARIs) and routinely publishes quarterly reports on its website. The quarterly report details the nature and volume of the incidents reported, investigated and closed in the Post Mortem Sector.

In considering your request, we have concluded that the information we hold is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the FOI Act. This is because the information is already reasonably accessible by other means.

Information in relation to HTARIs for the calendar years 2020 and 2021 can be found as follows:

1. January 2020 to March 2020 is available in response to a previous FOI request. This is located on the [Freedom of Information responses page](#) on the HTA website.

2. April 2020 to December 2021 is available on the [disclosing information on incidents page](#) on the HTA website.

If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated above, please contact me again.

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, 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

