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By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act), which was received by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) on Thursday 18 August 2022. Your email outlined the following request:

“Please can you tell me: 1. Number of umbilical cord blood units banked privately each year, for the last 4 years 2. Number of umbilical cord tissue units banked privately each year, for the last 4 years 3. Number of private cord blood units processed each year, for the last 4 years 4. Number of private cord tissue units processed each year, for the last 4 years 5. Total number of privately stored cord blood units as of now (latest data) 6. Total number of privately stored cord tissue units as of now (latest data) 7. Number of umbilical cord blood units banked publicly (donated) each year, for the last 4 years 8. Number of umbilical cord tissue units banked publicly (donated) each year, for the last 4 years 9. Number of publicly stored cord blood units processed each year, for the last 4 years 10. Number of publicly stored cord tissue units processed each year, for the last 4 years 11. Total number of publicly stored cord blood units as of now (latest data) 12. Total number of publicly stored cord tissue units as of now (latest data) 13. Can you confirm how many private establishments in the UK are licensed to process either cord blood or tissue.”

Response

In considering your request, we have concluded that some of 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 for the calendar years 2018-2020 is available in a response to a previous FOI request. This is located on the FOI responses page on the HTA website:

https://content.hta.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-04/HTA%20FOIA%20response%20letter%20CAS-62490-H9B3_0.pdf

If you have any difficulties in accessing this information, please contact me again.

Information for the 2021 calendar year you have requested is below:

Year	Number of umbilical cord blood units banked privately each year	Number of umbilical cord tissue units banked privately each year	Number of private cord blood units processed each year	Number of private cord tissue units processed each year	Number of umbilical cord blood units banked publicly (donated) each	Number of umbilical cord tissue units banked publicly (donated) each year	Number of publicly stored cord blood units processed each year	Number of publicly stored cord tissue units processed each year
2021	25,613	49,787	14,680	13,180	782	0	830	0

Total number of privately stored cord blood units as of 31 December 2021 – 437,111

Total number of privately stored cord tissue units as of 31 December 2021 – 550,815

Total number of publicly stored cord blood units as of 31 December 2021 – 35,844

Total number of publicly stored cord tissue units as of 31 December 2021 – 0

The number of private establishments in the UK that are licensed to process either cord blood or tissue is four.

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.

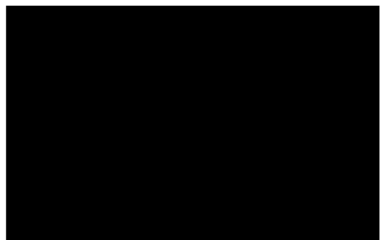
If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision, at the address below. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website: www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Information Commissioner.Two horizontal black bars redacting the name and title of the Information Commissioner.