

By email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email into the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) dated 10 February 2025 for which we gave the case reference number: [REDACTED]. Your email has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

Your email outlined the following request ("**your Request**"):

"This is a request from BBC News to the HTA using the FOI Act:

For each of the following calendar years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020:

How many reportable serious incidents in mortuaries were reported to the HTA?

Please can you list details about each serious incident and can you say which trust this occurred in?"

Response

"The HTA is not responding to this request as the exemption of s21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies, given this information is already reasonably accessible in the public domain, being published in the Disclosing information on incidents webpage, available at this link:

[Disclosing information on incidents | Human Tissue Authority](https://www.hta.gov.uk/about-the-HTA/transparency/disclosing-information-incidents)

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Please see specifically the section Post-mortem sector reported incidents for which the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020 are uploaded quarterly detailing the nature and volume of the incidents reported in the Post-mortem sector. This includes

the organisation to which the reportable incident occurred.”

Further information

We hope you found the above response to your Request clear and helpful. If you are unhappy with the way the HTA has handled your request for information in this case, or if you disagree with how we have interpreted FOIA in answering your Request, you may in the first instance ask us for an internal review by writing to us at the above postal or email address, within two months of this reply, specifying that you would like an Internal Review to be carried out.

Any internal review of the HTA’s handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response.

Please remember to quote the case reference number above in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, 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

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Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

