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**Date** 9 February 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

### 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 18 January 2021. 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 the 2020 calendar year?

### Response

The HTA holds information about HTARIs reported to have occurred in 2020.

In considering your request for this information, we conclude some of the information we hold is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the absolute exemption under section 21 of the FOIA. This is because this information is easily accessible by other means.

- We published information on our website about incidents in 2020 in response to a previous FOIA request:  
[www.hta.gov.uk/sites/default/files/FOI%20response%20letter.pdf](http://www.hta.gov.uk/sites/default/files/FOI%20response%20letter.pdf).
- Since July 2020, we produce quarterly reports detailing information for all incidents that have been investigated and closed. These reports are published on our website.

The latest reports are available at the following links:

- [www.hta.gov.uk/post-mortem-%E2%80%93-hta-reportable-incident-closed-q2-202021-details](http://www.hta.gov.uk/post-mortem-%E2%80%93-hta-reportable-incident-closed-q2-202021-details)
- [www.hta.gov.uk/post-mortem-hta-reportable-incidents-closed-q3-202021-%E2%80%93-details](http://www.hta.gov.uk/post-mortem-hta-reportable-incidents-closed-q3-202021-%E2%80%93-details)

Information is provided in the table below for incidents reported to have occurred in 2020 and which are not covered by information published previously or otherwise due to be published. This is for incidents determined to be HTARIs and which have been closed on our systems.

Licence	Organisation	Case number	Incident classification	Brief summary of HTARI
12449	Dorset County Hospital	CAS-55585-J9V6	Accidental damage to a body	Human error led to minor damage to a body.
12342	The Royal Oldham Hospital	CAS-54458-W1W4	Accidental damage to a body	Human error led to accidental damage to body.

### 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



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