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Dear ████████

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request, which was received by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) on 21 March 2023. Your email outlined the following request:

"Hello, Please could I be provided with details for the last five years of inspections of facilities with licenses for postmortems and/or mortuaries detailing the following: - The date and location of the inspection - The number/type of failings - The remedial actions required I appreciate that each report is available on the HTA website but these are not groups [sic] by establishment type/often it is not clear what consequences fall from a failing".

Response

In considering your request, the HTA is able to disclose some of the information you have requested. Information on inspections carried out in licensed establishments in the Post-Mortem sector can be found at the end of the letter. The information is for the time period 01 April 2018 – 31 March 2023.

In addition, information on the classification of the level of shortfalls can be found on page 25 of the Post-mortem examination licensing standards and guidance.

The above document explains the HTA's categorisation of shortfalls, which are findings at inspection of failure to fully meet licensing standards.

There are three categories of severity of shortfall, 'Critical', 'Major' or 'Minor'. 'Major' and 'Critical' shortfalls can arise from one very serious (or critical) failure or can be cumulative, for example, a number of Minor shortfalls under one Standard could be classed as one Major cumulative shortfall.

All findings of shortfall require the establishment to take Corrective and Preventative Action (CAPA) to address the failure. The urgency and significance of the action required varies according to severity, as does the extent of HTA monitoring of the establishment's actions to address the shortfalls. The HTA actively monitors the establishment's delivery of the actions it has committed to undertake and can undertake further regulatory action if this does not proceed in line with expectations. Information submitted to the HTA as part of establishments' CAPA plans has not been disclosed. In the first instance, it has been identified that the cost that would be incurred in providing this information would exceed the appropriate limit. This is an exemption that the HTA is applying pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Section 12 (1) of the FOIA makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which is set at £450.00.

We have identified that the costs associated with identifying whether the information is held; locating the information or document containing it; retrieving the information or document containing it; and extracting the information from a document containing it would be in excess of £450.00.

Please note, if you were to reduce the scope of the request so that it was more specific, for example, narrowing the timeframe or a specific licensed establishment then this might bring the cost of compliance under the limit and we may consider it 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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Wycliffe House
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Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45
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Yours sincerely
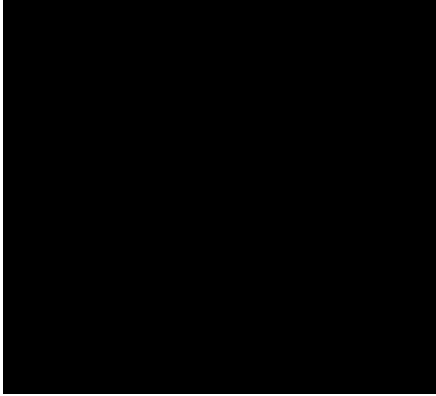
Annex

Licence	Licensed Premises	Inspection date	Total no. of shortfalls	No. of Minor shortfalls	No. of Major shortfalls	No. of Major (Cumulative) shortfalls	No. of Critical shortfalls
12244	Bradford Royal Infirmary	29/03/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12329	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham	29/03/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12565	Birmingham Women's Hospital	27/03/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12366	Heartlands Hospital	23/03/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12685	Cyted UK Ltd	22/03/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12082	Hemel Hempstead General Hospital	14/03/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12037	Royal Preston Hospital	13/03/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12237	Queen Alexandra Hospital	08/03/2023	3	3	0	0	0
12362	Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital	20/02/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12338	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	16/02/2023	2	2	0	0	0
12357	St Mary's Hospital	16/02/2023	8	3	5	0	0
30008	Gloucester Royal Hospital	16/02/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12224	Royal Stoke University Hospital	14/02/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12110	Lister Hospital	02/02/2023	6	2	3	1	0
12337	Leicester Royal Infirmary	25/01/2023	14	8	6	0	0
12266	University Hospital Lewisham	16/01/2023	47	4	25	2	16
12459	UKHSA Colindale	12/01/2023	3	3	0	0	0
12346	Barnsley Hospital	11/01/2023	0	0	0	0	0
12184	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	09/01/2023	17	4	6	7	0
50014	Bagshot Body Storage Facility	21/12/2022	4	4	0	0	0
12067	Tameside General Hospital	13/12/2022	19	13	6	0	0
12405	Holly Tree Lodge	06/12/2022	1	1	0	0	0
12425	Eurofins Forensic Services Ltd	05/12/2022	12	8	4	0	0
30014	Frimley Park Hospital	02/12/2022	0	0	0	0	0

30002	Royal Liverpool University Hospital	23/11/2022	10	7	3	0	0
12342	The Royal Oldham Hospital	22/11/2022	0	0	0	0	0
12203	Wythenshawe Hospital	21/11/2022	8	6	2	0	0
12090	Medway Maritime Hospital	16/11/2022	1	1	0	0	0
30017	Ipswich Hospital	16/11/2022	25	12	7	6	0
12171	George Eliot Hospital	15/11/2022	10	8	2	0	0
12181	Torbay Hospital	11/11/2022	7	2	5	0	0
12091	Cumberland Infirmary	10/11/2022	0	0	0	0	0
12409	The County Hospital	08/11/2022	22	9	12	1	0
12036	Grange University Hospital	07/11/2022	13	5	6	2	0
12117	East Surrey Hospital	31/10/2022	22	7	12	1	2
12245	Stoke Mandeville Hospital	25/10/2022	7	5	2	0	0
12091	Cumberland Infirmary	18/10/2022	12	6	5	1	0
12090	Medway Maritime Hospital	14/10/2022	0	0	0	0	0
12329	Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham	11/10/2022	9	1	8	0	0
12347	Gravelly Park	11/10/2022	1	1	0	0	0
12253	Northampton General Hospital	07/10/2022	13	4	9	0	0
12413	Southmead Hospital Bristol	05/10/2022	11	5	4	2	0
12154	Queen's Hospital	28/09/2022	11	7	4	0	0
12079	Worcestershire Royal Hospital	26/09/2022	7	4	3	0	0
12138	Airedale General Hospital	22/09/2022	6	6	0	0	0
12517	Ascertain Forensics	22/09/2022	0	0	0	0	0
12309	Royal Blackburn Hospital	21/09/2022	19	6	13	0	0
12380	South Tyneside District Hospital	13/09/2022	0	0	0	0	0
12493	State Pathologist's department	09/09/2022	0	0	0	0	0
12229	Belfast Health and Social Care Trust - Royal Victoria Hospital	08/09/2022	1	1	0	0	0
12537	Royal Derby Hospital	31/08/2022	27	12	3	12	0
12377	King's College Hospital	19/08/2022	0	0	0	0	0

30009	Russells Hall Hospital	01/08/2022	2	2	0	0	0
12052	John Radcliffe Hospital	22/07/2022	21	11	9	1	0
12153	Glan Clwyd Hospital	12/07/2022	11	4	7	0	0
11068	Southend Hospital	11/07/2022	4	1	3	0	0
12142	Royal Sussex County Hospital	06/07/2022	16	3	13	0	0
12262	Royal Brompton Hospital	29/06/2022	5	2	3	0	0
12017	Brent, Harrow and Barnet Public Mortuary	28/06/2022	0	0	0	0	0
12201	Milton Keynes University Hospital	28/06/2022	3	3	0	0	0
30013	Weston General Hospital	23/06/2022	9	7	2	0	0
12099	Whittington Hospital	22/06/2022	7	1	6	0	0
12250	Royal United Hospital Bath	16/06/2022	6	3	3	0	0
12298	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	15/06/2022	1	1	0	0	0
12434	Cell Path Ltd	13/06/2022	1	1	0	0	0
12387	St George's Hospital	09/06/2022	11	4	7	0	0
12616	Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury	07/06/2022	15	7	8	0	0
12194	Central Mortuary	25/05/2022	4	4	0	0	0
12541	Salford Royal	19/05/2022	16	7	8	1	0
12232	Royal Berkshire Hospital	18/05/2022	18	9	9	0	0
12024	Warrington Hospital	17/05/2022	16	5	4	4	3
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12310	Pathlinks (Grimsby)	05/05/2022	6	2	4	0	0
12314	Pathlinks (Lincoln)	03/05/2022	5	3	2	0	0
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12214	Southampton General Hospital	14/04/2022	4	4	0	0	0
12141	Eastbourne District General Hospital	13/04/2022	11	5	6	0	0
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12356	Royal Lancaster Infirmary	29/03/2022	5	3	2	0	0
30011	William Harvey Hospital	28/03/2022	12	7	5	0	0
12595	Gloucestershire Coroner's Court	21/03/2022	6	3	3	0	0
12345	St Helier Hospital	17/03/2022	6	3	3	0	0
12398	Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	16/03/2022	16	9	7	0	0
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12243	St Thomas' Hospital	08/03/2022	8	3	5	0	0
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12110	Lister Hospital	09/02/2022	14	1	5	3	5
12242	West Suffolk Hospital	04/02/2022	10	5	3	2	0
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12377	King's College Hospital	01/02/2022	14	5	2	2	5
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12187	The Royal London Hospital	13/12/2021	6	4	1	1	0
12446	University Hospital of North Tees	07/12/2021	3	2	1	0	0
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12222	Royal Surrey County Hospital	30/11/2021	18	8	10	0	0
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12218	Medico-Legal Centre	23/08/2021	5	5	0	0	0
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50011	Heavenly Services - Emergency Mortuary	04/08/2020	2	1	1	0	0
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50009	Nightingale Hospital North East - Emergency Mortuary	30/04/2020	2	1	1	0	0

50008	NHS Nightingale Hospital London - Emergency Mortuary	27/04/2020	3	1	2	0	0
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12435	Uxbridge Mortuary	27/03/2019	4	3	1	0	0
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12057	Stoke-on-Trent City Council Public Mortuary	17/01/2019	3	1	2	0	0
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12420	Walthamstow Public Mortuary	28/11/2018	10	8	2	0	0
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12023	Kingston Hospital	17/10/2018	19	14	5	0	0
12027	Arrowe Park Hospital	17/10/2018	9	4	5	0	0
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12565	Birmingham Women's Hospital	26/09/2018	6	3	3	0	0
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12049	Countess of Chester Hospital	19/09/2018	16	11	5	0	0
12118	Harrogate District Hospital	04/09/2018	12	9	3	0	0
12602	Forensic Access	30/08/2018	11	9	2	0	0
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12035	Royal Bolton Hospital	13/06/2018	13	10	3	0	0
12124	Yeovil District Hospital	13/06/2018	5	5	0	0	0
12380	South Tyneside District Hospital	06/06/2018	16	16	0	0	0
12250	Royal United Hospital Bath	29/05/2018	3	3	0	0	0
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30002	Royal Liverpool University Hospital	22/05/2018	16	9	7	0	0
12138	Airedale General Hospital	17/05/2018	5	5	0	0	0
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