

By email to: [REDACTED]

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Date: 10 February 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email into enquiries@hta.gov.uk of 04 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"):

"I was requesting the assessments of compliance in the post-mortem sector around security which was mentioned in the bulletin you send out on the 12 December. I'm not sure how this would have been recorded but I imagine somewhere there is a database showing who is compliant, compliant with advice and guidance or non compliant. It's that which I am after."

"A photograph of the bulletin was included."

We acknowledge and apologise that the enquiry that you sent on 12 December 2024 via our online Contact Form on <https://www.human-tissue-authority.gov.uk/> suffered an error and was not passed along to the appropriate channels as per our procedures. Due to this error, we will be conducting an investigation and subsequently updating our procedures to ensure that this will not take place again. For completion, your original request is included below:

"Created: Thu, 12/12/2024 - 15:07

I wish to contact the HTA in my capacity as Member of the public / other

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Your organisation{Empty}

Your department{Empty}

Nature of your enquiry

Submit a FOI or DPA request

Enquiry details

You have recently carried out evidential compliance assessments for security-related standards in the post mortem sector. I am seeking info on how many establishments were judged to be

- 1. Compliant*
- 2. Compliant with advice and guidance and*
- 3. Not compliant with these standards.*

I would also like a list of establishments in each of these and details of what evidence of compliance was required..

Thank you

Response

"We have included a redacted copy of our database which includes the license numbers of all the establishments that we license within the post mortem sector. Within column M it shows if they were compliant, compliant with advice and guidance, or not compliant with our standards.

We have also included a copy of Evidential Compliance Assessment – Mortuary Security & Access. This is a form that we require all of the establishments to complete with the requested accompanying information and documentation."

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.

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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,



