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Dear ██████████

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 27 July 2016. Your letter outlined the following request:

1. Have there been any cases of prosecution under the Human Tissue Act thus far?
2. If any cases have occurred, what are the details and outcome of the said prosecutions

Response

The Human Tissue Authority is not statutorily empowered to bring prosecution proceedings for any offence under the Human Tissue Act 2004 (the Act). Where appropriate the Authority refers alleged offences under the Act to the relevant local Police force for investigation and subsequently, where appropriate, prosecution via the Crown Prosecution Service. We are aware however, of one case successfully prosecuted under the Act. The details are as follows:

Year: 2007

Defendant Name: ██████████

Offence: Offering to supply human material for transplantation

Sentence: 1 year custodial Sentence suspended for two years

Order: Fined £250.00

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.

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.gov.uk

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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