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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 26 October 2017. Thank you also for the further clarification that you provided in our email correspondence on the 27 October. Your initial email outlined the following request:

Please consider this an FOI request.

You have published this report.

<https://www.hta.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Full%20Pack%20September%20Aut...>

There is a table on p17 of Annex A listing a range of incidents that the HTA became aware of in the last year.

1. Did any of these incidents take place in Scotland?
2. If so, for each incident, which category were they in?
3. For each incident, whereabouts in Scotland did the incident take place in and please give a summary of what happened and how it has been dealt with.
4. For every incident in the 'release of wrong body' category, can you tell me where it happened and give a summary of what happened and how it has been dealt with?

In your email, on 27 October you confirmed the table referred to above as being table two: *HTA Reportable Incidents (HTARIs)* of Annex A on page 12 of the Authority Delivery Report for quarter one 2017/18.

Response

I can confirm that none of the cases in table two took place in Scotland. The HTA does not regulate, license or inspect post mortem establishments in Scotland and so there is no requirement for mortuaries in Scotland to report incidents to the HTA.

With regards to question four, I can confirm that the HTA was notified of one incident where the wrong body was released during quarter one 2017/18. Please note that the remaining four cases relate to incidents that the HTA was notified about prior to 2017/18, but are referred to within table 12 as they were closed during quarter one, 2017/18.

Disclosure of the details of the incident referred to is limited by exemption under Section 31 (1) (g) of the Freedom of information Act 2000 although I am able to provide the details set out below.

Frimley Park Hospital	Release of the wrong body	The matter was investigated, recommendations to prevent a re-occurrence of the incident were made and the case was closed.
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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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