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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 14 January 2017. Your email outlined the following request:

- Please confirm how many directed altruistic donations (DAD) have taken place during:
 - (i) 2014
 - (ii) 2015
 - (iii) 2016
- Please also include information about the type of donation in each case.
- Please confirm the total number of directed altruistic donations carried out in the UK.
- *Please confirm how many directed altruistic donations were carried out after the recipient and the donor met via social media, the type of donation in each case, and whether the operation(s) were a success.*

Response

The HTA cannot confirm the numbers of DAD cases that have taken place as this information is not held by the HTA, however, the HTA has considered and approved the following number of DAD cases between 2014 and 2016:

Year	Number of cases	Type of organ
2014	19	Kidney
2015	10	Kidney
2016	15	Kidney

Table 1. Number of directed altruistic donations assessed by the HTA per year (2014-2016) and the type of organ donated.

A total of 59 DAD cases have been considered and approved by the HTA so far.

Social media has been used to identify a potential donor on two occasions so far. In both of these cases, the potential recipient was seeking to find a potential kidney donor.

The HTA is unable to provide you with details of whether these operations were a success or not, as this information is not held by the HTA. You may wish to contact NHS Blood and Transplant for further information.

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

