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25 October 2017

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 23 October 2017. Your email outlined the following request:

I would like to know:

- the number of applications made each year to the HTA seeking authorisation for a child under the age of 18 (in England, Wales, Northern Ireland) or 16 (in Scotland) to act as an organ\* donor since the establishment of the HTA (or since such records have been kept); and,
- the subsequent number of approvals or rejections each year that the HTA has given to these applications, since the establishment of the HTA (or since such records have been kept). If the statistics are able to be broken down into jurisdiction (England, Wales, Scotland, NI) and/or the type (i.e. types of organs) of donation authorised, please provide this

\*(excluding bone marrow and PBSC donation).

## Response

In accordance with s.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I can confirm that the HTA has not received any applications seeking authorisation for a child under the age of 18 (in England, Wales, Northern Ireland) or 16 (in Scotland) to act as an organ donor since the establishment of the HTA. The HTA has not therefore approved or rejected any applications of this nature.

The role of the HTA is to ensure that there has been no reward sought or offered for the donation of an organ or part organ from one living person to another. We provide an independent check to help protect the interests of all living organ donors in the

UK. We ensure that each individual donor has an opportunity to speak freely to someone independent of the transplant process, in order to confirm that their wish to donate is free from duress and coercion. We regulate this through an Independent Assessment interview process with both the donor and recipient. You can find further information about our role and the legislation, which governs our work on our website here <https://www.hta.gov.uk/our-role-living-donation>

### **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

