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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 13 August 2018. Your email outlined the following request:

I would like to make 2 freedom of information requests relating to licences which have been issued or refused by the HTA.

Please provide details of public and private organisations such as medical schools, universities or research institutions that have:

1) Imported plastinated bodies, specimens or tissue samples from China, or where the original country of origin was China, between 2006 - 2018

2) Imported anatomical plastinated bodies, specimens or tissue samples from China, or where the original country of origin was China, between 2006 - 2018

Kind regards

Response

In the course of our regulatory activities, we may receive some details of imported material but do not routinely keep complete records of material held by the establishments that we license; establishments themselves maintain full inventories of the material they hold. However, we have identified four establishments that we have licensed, between 2006-2018, where plastinated bodies from China have been involved. These are:

The National Exhibition Centre (NEC): HTA licensing number 12679

Licensed for the 'Real Bodies' exhibition in 2018.

University of Northumbria at Newcastle (Faculty of Health and Life Sciences): HTA licensing number 12482).

Exhibitions UK Limited: HTA licensing number 12599
Licensed for the 'Bodies Revealed' exhibition in Liverpool in 2012.

Space 2: HTA licensing number 12540
Licensed for the 'Bodies Revealed' exhibition in Birmingham in 2009/10.

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

