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**Date** 5 July 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 June 2017.

Your email outlined the following request:

Please provide the total number of bodies retrieved from Grenfell Tower W11 1TH as at 23.06.17. I expect this number will include those received at Westminster as well as those received elsewhere.

### **Response**

The HTA does not hold the information that you have requested. The HTA licenses all mortuaries where post-mortem examination is undertaken, and has a statutory duty to ensure that premises are suitable for the activities licensed. We check to ensure that mortuaries have sufficient capacity and, on occasion, request information to assure ourselves that they are able to cope with increases in capacity, for example over the winter months. Mortuaries are not required however, to provide us with details of bodies received and released and we do not hold this type of information or anything similar. You may be able to obtain the information you seek from the Metropolitan Police or the Coroner.

### **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  
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Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

