

FOI REF: 25/460

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please provide the following information:

- 1) The number of stillborn babies made available by the hospitals and/or the Trust for the purposes of medical research between 1950 and 1990.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust no longer holds this information as all paperwork referring to this would have been destroyed after being archived for a maximum of 25 years as per regulatory processes.

- 2) Details of the organisations provided with stillborn babies for the purposes of medical research between 1950 and 1990.**

Please see response to Q1.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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