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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Post mortems.

You asked:

- 1. What is the most amount of post mortem cases that you are willing to carry out in a single post mortem session?*
- 2. How many hospital post mortem examinations did you undertake between 1st April 2017 – 1st April 2018?*
- 3. How many coronial post mortem examinations did you undertake between 1st April 2017 – 1st April 2018?*
- 4. What is the average number of hospital post mortem examinations that you have undertaken over the past 3 financial years?*
- 5. What is the average number of coronial post mortem examinations that you have undertaken over the past 3 financial years?*
- 6. How many brain & spinal cord donations have you carried out over within the mortuary over the past 3 financial years?*
- 7. How many members of staff do you employ within the mortuary? (This includes administration staff)*
- 8. What qualifications (In relation to mortuary activity) do your employees currently hold?*
- 9. What NHS pay bands are your employees in?*
- 10. What is your capacity for the storage of deceased?*
- 11. Does your mortuary charge undertakers/service users for storage of deceased? (Assuming that the deceased would remain in your care for an extended period of time once they have been released to go.)*
- 12. Do you store deceased patients' offsite with non NHS service users?*
- 13. If the answer to question 11 is yes, are the premises risk assessed and do they coincide with HTA regulations?*
- 14. Do you actively undertake increased risk post mortem work? (Blood borne)*
- 15. Do you actively undertake increased risk post mortem work? (Air borne)*

Trust response:

1. Six
2. One
3. 618
4. 1.6
5. 491
6. Six
7. Five
8. Apts's (DAPT) Lead APT (CAPT,DAPT,FRIPHH,MAAPT)
9. 3,5,6 (also a Band 8 who's has part of their job as mortuary manager)
10. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link: <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Mortuary-capacity.-140618.pdf>
11. NO
12. NO
13. Not applicable
14. YES
15. YES