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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_18-169)

We have now considered your request of 23rd July 2018 for the following information:

'The number of bodies Norwich Medical School has rejected for science research due to obesity.'

Our response is as follows:

Since commencing directly receiving bodies in December 2009, we have recorded information to indicate that 9 bodies have been rejected on the basis of obesity.

Please note that the reasons obese bodies are refused are:

1. Manual handling and health and safety concerns, and
2. High amounts of fatty tissue that react with our embalming fluid which prevents the donors from being used for study purposes.

To assist in your determining any trends, the figures have been separated by year in the table below.

| <i>Year</i> | <i>No. of rejections</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 2011 | 2 |
| 2012 | 0 |
| 2013 | 0 |
| 2014 | 3 |
| 2015 | 0 |
| 2016 | 2 |
| 2017 | 1 |
| 2018 | 1 |

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within

60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

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Yours sincerely

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