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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - Ref: FOI/013158 – Organs and tissue samples

Please supply information for all of the questions below relevant to - fetuses that were miscarried, stillborn or aborted and children up to one year old from 1988 to the present day (Nov 2016).

Please supply information for all of the questions below relevant to - fetuses that were miscarried, stillborn or aborted and children up to one year old from 1988 to the present day (Nov 2016). Are you holding organs or tissue samples or bodies of fetuses that were miscarried, stillborn, aborted or of children up to one year old, pending disposal?

The only items we hold are any Products of Conception (tissue samples) that have been sent to the laboratory accompanied by a completed consent form, that have been or are in the process of being processed/diagnosed prior to respectful disposal.

2. If yes to qu 1, please report how many organs, tissue samples, body parts or bodies of fetuses that were miscarried, stillborn, aborted or of children up to one year old you have retained and still have?

Respectful disposal is arranged regularly throughout the year and we have in the laboratory a number of cases pending respectful disposal. At the time of writing there are 30 products of conception pending respectful disposal all of which are accompanied by a completed consent form. The last collection for respectful disposal took place on 20 October 2016.

3. In how many of these cases of fetuses that were miscarried, stillborn or aborted or of children up to one year old which have been retained and you still have was consent given by the nearest relatives to take, use and dispose of organs or tissue samples or body parts or bodies?

We do not accept any products of conception without a completed consent form.

4. In how many of these cases of fetuses that were miscarried, stillborn or aborted or of children up to one year old which were retained but have since been disposed of was consent given by the nearest relatives to take, use and dispose of organs or tissue samples or body parts or bodies?

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