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Dear Ms Ward

Re: Deaths caused by food allergies/allergic reaction

Thank you for your email dated 21 June 2018 addressed to Public Health England (PHE). Your email has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

You asked:

I am currently studying an MSC in Environmental Health and my dissertation is on food businesses who fail to protect public health by not offering sufficient or correct allergen information.

I would like to request a figure for the number of deaths caused my allergic reactions to food based allergens in the UK, on an annual basis if you hold this.

In accordance with Section 1(1) (a) of the FOI Act, I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have specified.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Accordingly I would advise that you can direct your questions to Official national statistics by emailing foi.team@ons.gsi.gov.uk

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by

writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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