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Dear UK Medical Freedom Alliance

Review of response to request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

I write in reply to your letter of 31 October 2022, requesting an internal review of the University's response to your FOIA request of 7 July 2022.

2 Original request

Your original request was for further information on data published by the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit (NPEU) on covid-19 in pregnancy. The University responded to your request on 8 August providing a response to each point raised in your request.

You wrote to the University on 31 October, stating that you did not believe the information provided to be satisfactory, and asking the University to review its response.

3 Internal review

I have reviewed the University's response in the light of your request for an internal review. Your letter of 31 October makes a series of statements, for example, that the authors do not consider the information provided in the previous response to be satisfactory. Since this is a matter of opinion there is no specific reply that we can make to such assertions under the FOIA.

However, I have identified two direct requests for recorded information in your letter, as reproduced below:

- a) "You affirmed, in response to our questions 1 and 4 that mothers and babies had indeed died from COVID-19. You did not, however, address our question as to whether COVID-19 was mentioned on their death certificates as the main cause of death."
- b) "We therefore renew our request for the information required to give your infographic any credibility."

I have taken point b) to relate to all the information requested in your original request. I have therefore reviewed our original response and provided some further information on each of the points originally raised, as shown in the annex to this letter.

It is open to you to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request for information has been handled in accordance with the FOIA. Further information for submitting complaints to the Information Commissioner is available at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>.

Yours sincerely,

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