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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 201611151**

Thank you for your request for information about:

**The accident on the Smiler Ride at Alton Towers**

Your request was received on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

I can confirm that the Health and Safety Executive holds the following information:

1. **Factual report by HSE**
2. **Executive summary of HSL report MH/15/190**
3. **Executive summary of HSL report ES/2015/70**
4. **BRE Wind report for 2/6/2015**
5. **Witness statement by Benjamin Jack Hansla dated 9/6/2015**
6. **Witness statement by Benjamin Jack Hansla dated 9/6/2015 including Daily Ride Report Sheet 50592 referred to on page 11 of this statement**
7. **Witness statement dated 3/8/2015**
8. **Witness statement dated 25/6/2015**
9. **Witness statement dated 29/6/2015**
10. **Witness statement dated 27/8/2015**
11. **Witness statement dated 6/8/2015**
12. **Witness statement dated 4/6/2015**
13. **Witness statement dated 2/7/2015**
14. **Witness statement dated 5/6/2015**
15. **Witness statement dated 27/8/2015**
16. **Witness statement dated 10/6/2015**
17. **Witness statement dated 8/6/2015**
18. **Witness statement dated 25/8/2015**
19. **Witness statement dated 8/7/2015**
20. **Exhibit BJH 1 referred to on Page 2 of statement by Benjamin Hansla dated 9/6/2015**
21. **Exhibits BHJ 2a – c referred to on page 4 of statement by Benjamin Hansla dated 9/6/2015**
22. **Exhibits BHJ 3a – c referred to on page 4 of statement by Benjamin Hansla dated 9/6/2015**
23. **Exhibits BJH 4a – b referred to on page 5 of statement by Benjamin Hansla dated 9/6/2015**
24. **Section 9.4 of 'The Smiler Cabin Folder' referred to on page 7 of the statement by Benjamin Hansla dated 9/6/2015, and on pages 1,3,4,5,6 & 11 of the statement dated 10/6/2015**

Information numbered 1 - 6 can be disclosed and copies are enclosed.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made by HSE you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to me.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'm Shallcross', is written below the 'Yours sincerely' line.

Mrs Marcia Shallcross  
FOI Officer