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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letter/email of date 27 March 2015 requesting the following information:

> *"In response to your additions questions for clarification, I am referring to clinical trials with investigational medicinal products but also any other drug or chemical trial which involved military or civilian volunteers.*
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> *I ma referring to adverse drug reactions or any other adverse reactions which may have resulted as part of the chemical or drug trials"*

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

> During the last five years one clinical trial; has been conducted at Dstl Porton Down. The aim of this study was to examine immune responses to booster doses of the licensed UK anthrax vaccine, which is called Anthrax Vaccine Precipitated (AVP). 120 volunteers took part; they were all civilians apart from three serving military personnel in administrative posts at MOD. No volunteer experienced any adverse drug reaction.
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> The following clinical trials have been sponsored by Dstl over the past five years:
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> 1. A study of the effects of transdermal patch containing physostigmine and hyoscine;
> 2. A comparison of the effects of either physostigmine or hyoscine administered by intravenous infusion;
> 3. A comparison of the effects of either morphine or placebo on physiological responses to Lower Body Negative Pressure (LBNP), applied either with or without lower leg tourniquets.

There have been no adverse drug reactions in any of these trials to date, but no further information is currently available for release as analysis of the results has not yet been completed.

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Yours sincerely,

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