

Subject: FOI 20/326 FOI Request - Fake medicines

Hello

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a journalist at [REDACTED]

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to capture the quantity of medicines seized by MHRA that are defined as falsified and pose a danger to public health for the years 2019 and for January 2020 to July 2020.

I would appreciate this data in an email form.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2020 18:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOI 20/370 - [EXTERNAL] FOI 20/326 FOI Request - Fake medicines

Hi [REDACTED]

I can see you have a question about your FOI request. I'm getting in touch from our News team as it's quicker than going through the FOI channels.

The data provided by us in response to your FOI requests is correct. However, based on the table you've provided below there has been a significant decrease, not increase, in the number of falsified medicines seized in 2019/2020 compared to previous years.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 September 2020 11:21
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FOI 20/326 FOI Request - Fake medicines

Dear MHRA Customer Services,

Thank you for fulfilling my FOI request.

Please can you confirm then that the below data is correct (from my previous FOI and the latest data)

Tax year	Falsified & unlicensed medicines Seized by MHRA for reporting years
2015-16	4,367,246
2016-17	8,317,867
2017-18	8,593,022
2018-19	4,915,916

2019-20 to date September	15,238
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This would mean there has been a significant increase in the last year.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 September 2020 15:13
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOI 20/326 FOI Request - Fake medicines

REF: FOI 20/326

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your communication to the MHRA in relation to a Freedom of Information request for the quantity of medicines seized by MHRA that are defined as falsified and pose a danger to public health for the years 2019 and for January 2020 to July 2020.

During the period 2019 to date, MHRA has become aware of 15,238 units of falsified medicines in the UK.

A falsified medicine is any medicinal product with a false misrepresentation of its history, source or identity. Although a falsified medicine cannot be guaranteed to meet standards of safety, quality or efficacy, it does not automatically pose a risk to patient health.

If you have a query about the information provided, please reply to this email.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: info@mhra.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

MHRA Customer Services

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 August 2020 11:21
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI Request - Fake medicines

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