

## Ord, Kathryn

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**From:** Ord, Kathryn  
**Sent:** 13 January 2020 12:57  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION: [REDACTED] - Links between Finasteride/Propecia and suicide - due COP Wednesday  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED] Links between Finasteride-Propecia and suicide.docx

Hi [REDACTED]  
We've received the attached query and have been asked to provide a response for Wednesday. Normally this would be with [REDACTED] but she is on leave until 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – I have you down as her deputy for this. Do you have any previous queries we could use to help provide a response? No worries if not, I'm happy to pull something together if you are busy!

Best regards

**Kathryn**

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**From:** Ord, Kathryn  
**Sent:** 13 January 2020 11:43  
**To:** mhraPQPOMailbox [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Woolley, Dr Jane <Jane.Woolley@mhra.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: [REDACTED] - Links between Finasteride/Propecia and suicide - due COP Wednesday

Hi [REDACTED]  
We should be to provide a contribution for most of the query, but there is one point that is not quite so straightforward:

- *request whether data in this country could be obtained from the inquest reports of men who have taken their own lives to ascertain the number of cases where Finasteride was involved*

As far as I am aware, details of inquests are not published online so this would involve contacting coroner's offices individually, and not all deaths are reported to the coroner. Can we ask DHSC to lead on the response to this part, as MHRA deals only with spontaneously-reported cases?

Many thanks,

**Kathryn**

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**From:** Woolley, Dr Jane <[Jane.Woolley@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Woolley@mhra.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 13 January 2020 10:14  
**To:** Ord, Kathryn <[Kathryn.Ord@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:Kathryn.Ord@mhra.gov.uk)>  
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**Subject:** FW: ACTION: [REDACTED] - Links between Finasteride/Propecia and suicide - due COP Wednesday

Hi Kathryn,

Please could the team provide a contribution?

Thanks very much  
Jane

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**From:** mhraPQPOMailbox [redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 January 2020 10:12  
**To:** Woolley, Dr Jane <[Jane.Woolley@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Woolley@mhra.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Brennan, Caroline <[Caroline.Brennan@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:Caroline.Brennan@mhra.gov.uk)>; mhraPQPOMailbox [redacted]  
**Subject:** ACTION: [redacted] - Links between Finasteride/Propecia and suicide - due COP Wednesday

Hi Jane,

Please find attached a DE on Finasteride and links to suicide. We've received this from the mental health unit at DHSC who are leading on this and have asked for a contribution.

Apologies for the short timeframe on this one but please can we get some lines to them by **COP Wednesday?**

Kind regards,  
[redacted]

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# Web Enquiry Summary

Case Ref No

[REDACTED]

Subject

Suicide prevention and the impact of Finasteride/Propecia on anxiety, depression and suicide

Description

Message:

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

Kind regards

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