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By email

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Our ref: 17/02/22/ld/2505

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Dear Wynne Jones,

Re: Covid 19 vaccination for 5 to 11 year old children in England and Wales

Thank you for your request received on 17 February 2022 addressed to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), I can confirm that UKHSA partially holds the information you have specified. I have answered your questions in turn.

Subject: Covid 19 vaccination for 5 to 11 year old children in England and Wales

I refer to the above subject and attach hereto UKHSA Press Release dated 16 February 2022. I have received numerous requests from the general public for additional information / clarification. I would therefore be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with the following information from UKHSA records.

1. Copy of the "latest evidence" - referred to in the press release - that suggests that offering the inoculation ahead of another potential wave will protect a very small number of children from serious illness and hospitalisation.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, UKHSA can confirm it does hold this information.

The evidence considered by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) in formulating its advice on vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 years old is exempt under Section 21 of the Act because it is reasonably accessible by other means. The terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information. However, for your convenience we have included the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jcvi-update-on-advice-for-covid-19-vaccination-of-children-aged-5-to-11/jcvi-statement-on-vaccination-of-children-aged-5-to-11-years-old>

2. Full list of the ingredients of the mRNA based Pfizer - BioNTech paediatric inoculation.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, UKHSA can confirm it does not hold this information.

Under Section 16 of the Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is responsible for the authorisation and medical approval of medicines, including vaccines, in the UK. For further information on this subject, you may wish to contact them directly at info@mhra.gov.uk.

3. Copy of the study findings confirming that it is safe to co-administer Pfizer - BioNTech paediatric inoculation with other childhood vaccinations, including MMR and HPV.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, UKHSA can confirm it does not hold this information.

Studies on vaccine co-administration are carried out by the vaccine developer or by academic institutions. The JCVI are not aware of any such studies.

4. Confirmation whether the mRNA based Pfizer - BioNTech paediatric inoculation has been approved for use in 5 to 11 year old children, or whether temporary emergency use authorisation has been granted pursuant to R174 Human Medicines Regulations 2012, pending the outcome of Phase III trials.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, UKHSA can confirm it does not hold this information.

Under Section 16 of the Act, UKHSA can advise that you may wish to contact MHRA for more information on this matter. Please see our response to question 2.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to the Information Rights Team in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing InformationRights@UKHSA.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely
Information Rights Team