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Dear [REDACTED]

**FOI 22/1113**

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2022 where you requested:

- a) how many Coroners inquests have found the Covid vaccines responsible for the death**
- b) of a), for how many does MHRA hold a Yellow Card (YC) report**
- c) how many post mortems have been done where MHRA holds a YC report relating to the Covid vaccines**
- d) provide reference numbers of the Regulation 28 reports (Coroners report to prevent future deaths) relating to the Covid vaccinations held by MHRA, split between i) where MHRA was an addressee of the Reg 28 report and ii) where MHRA received a copy from a 3rd party.**
- e) how many YC reports relating to the Covid vaccinations does MHRA hold where there is also a claim under the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme**

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

Having considered your request, I can confirm that the MHRA does not hold the information requested under a) to d). It may be that some of the information you seek is held by other organisations. Please find further explanation for each point.

For a) and b) the MHRA does not hold information on Coroner's Inquests unless they are reported to us, which is not always the case. Therefore we are not able to provide a number for how many Inquests found a COVID-19 vaccine responsible for a death.

For c) the MHRA also does not hold information on post mortems unless they are provided in relation to a Yellow Card report. The MHRA follows up Yellow Card reports with a fatal outcome to ask for details where a post mortem has been conducted. If you would like to know how many Yellow Card reports concerning COVID-19 vaccines mention a post mortem was conducted we may be able to provide a number for each vaccine. Please let us know whether you would be interested in this.

For d) The MHRA has not received any Regulation 28 reports concerning COVID-19 vaccines. Details of Regulation 28 reports can be found here: [Reports to Prevent Future Deaths - Courts and Tribunals Judiciary](#)



For e), the MHRA would only hold the requested information if it was provided voluntarily by the reporter. The MHRA would not request this information as part of our follow up processes. As this is not required information for a Yellow Card to be deemed valid, there is no structured data field to indicate whether a claim under VDPS exists in relation to that Yellow Card report. Therefore to determine whether any Yellow Card reports concerning a COVID-19 vaccine as a suspected drug concern an individual who has made a claim under the VDPS scheme a manual search of each report would need to be undertaken. Due to the total number of Yellow Card reports we have received relating to the COVID-19 vaccines this is unfortunately not feasible to do.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 24 working hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Based on the large number of ADR reports received since the beginning of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, and how this data would be extracted and presented, we estimate that it will take in excess of 24 working hours to respond to this request.

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Yours sincerely,

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