

FOI 22/1057 – MHRA and CHM roles and responsibilities

REQUEST

26 September 2022

I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me - from MHRA records - with a document [or documents] clarifying "***the roles and responsibilities of MHRA and CHM and how they interface with UKHSA to protect the UK population***"

MHRA RESPONSE

5 February 2023

Dear

Thank you for your email and we apologise for delay.

There is not a regular collaboration between CHM and UKHSA. UKHSA as an executive agency, sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Care have previously observed CHM and its Expert Working Group (EAG) meetings for Covid-19 Vaccines review meetings. Observers present from UKHSA have answered questions from the Chair and members. Thus, CHM provides its advice to minister through the licensing authority independently.

The functions of Commission on Human Medicines (CHM) are set out in Regulation 10 of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1916). The CHM advise ministers and the licensing authority (the MHRA) on the safety, efficacy and quality of medicinal products. The responsibilities and terms of reference of the CHM are available the gov.uk

website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/commission-on-human-medicines/about>

The information on MHRA's roles and responsibilities (i.e. what we do) is available to view at the following link of our website page below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency/about>

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

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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:

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Yours sincerely

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