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Dear [REDACTED]

FOI 22/1207

Thank you of your email dated 17 December 2022 and subsequent follow up on 21 January 2023 where you requested the below information:

- *Please provide me with any and all documentation/records/emails regarding (or pertaining to) any and all conditions attached to the use of funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, by the MHRA in the aforementioned timeframe.*

I can confirm that the MHRA has received grant funding from the Bill and Melinda gates Foundation for specific activities. We do hold some of the information that you have requested. However, we have also determined that the information is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act and we cannot process your request any further.

Section 12 of the Act allows public authorities to refuse requests 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.

In order to process your request, we would need to identify all members of MHRA who have had correspondence with the Foundation and search their entire email history, extract these emails and review them for any confidential information and redact as necessary. We consider that this would take longer than 24 working hours to complete.

We advise that you narrow your request, for example, by asking for details of a particular area of interest and timeframe.

Please note that substantially similar requests made within 60 working days of an original request can be aggregated into one for the purposes of calculating a cost limit, meaning that section 12 could still apply.



If you disagree with how we have interpreted the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with regards to your request, you can ask for the decision to be reviewed. The review would be carried out by a senior member of the Agency who was not involved with the original decision.

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

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
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Yours sincerely

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Team,
Vigilance and Risk Management of Medicines Division

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