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14th February 2023

Dear

Thank you for your letter of 20th November 2022 where you asked *"what are the results of the post mortem examinations on those who have suffered death as the result of the Covid 19 vaccine or booster".* We apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The MHRA does not hold this information. Whilst we request a copy of the post mortem findings if one has been performed, these are not always provided and we would only be aware of these if a Yellow Card is reported to us. The Yellow Card scheme is voluntary; healthcare professionals, including coroners are encouraged to report to us if they consider a medicinal product was a contributing factor to the death of a patient but this is not a mandatory requirement. It is the coroner's duty to determine cause of death and subsequently record this within a post mortem report. Therefore, please direct your request to the Office of National Statistics.

Please note however, we publish a summary of Yellow Card reporting for the COVID-19 vaccines which summarises information received via the Yellow Card scheme, including a section on events with a fatal outcome. The MHRA has recently revised the format of the Summary of Yellow Card reporting to focus on the COVID-19 vaccines administered from the beginning of the Autumn 2022 booster campaign. Any new assessments or safety issues regarding vaccines used in the primary and initial booster campaigns will also be included in this record; previous and known information on these vaccines will remain available as a record only as an archived report. Additionally, in December 2022 the MHRA published COVID-19 Vaccine reports which contain interactive charts and tables displaying data for all COVID-19 vaccines.

The information published does not represent an overview of the potential side effects associated with the vaccines. A list of the recognised adverse effects of the COVID-19 vaccines is provided in the information for healthcare professionals and the recipient information. Conclusions on the safety and risks of the vaccines cannot be made on the data shown in the reports alone.

We hope you find this information helpful.

If you have a query about this letter, please contact us, addressing your letter to:

Customer Experience Centre,
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
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If you are unhappy with our decision, you may ask for it to be reviewed. That review will be undertaken by a senior member of the Agency who has not previously been

involved in your request. If you wish to pursue that option, then please write to us at the address above. After that, if you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to review our handling of your request by contacting:

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Yours sincerely,

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