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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, dated 13 March 2023, where you requested the below information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) act:

- please could you provide me with a copy of the full report by email.
- If this is not possible please could you provide me with the details of the recommendations outlined in the report.

The Isotretinoin Expert working group report, including the recommendations, will be available once the report of the Isotretinoin Expert Working Group and the advice of the Commission on Human Medicines is published. We cannot yet give a specific date for when the outcome of the isotretinoin review will be made available, but we will add you to our mailing list to keep you updated.

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