

FOI 23-356 – policy followed by the MHRA when receiving reports about suspected corruption

REQUEST

20 April 2023

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we request the following information:

1. What is the relevant protocol and/or policy that the MHRA must follow when the Agency receives reports and/or information, under any form and by any means of correspondence/communication, about suspected corruption within the Agency, irrespective of whether such reports are in connection with specific members of the Agency?
2. If there is one more such policy and/or protocol, for example if the specific policy/protocol is dependent upon the circumstances of the report, please provide a list of all relevant policies and/or protocols that the MHRA must follow where reports of suspected corruptions are concerned.
3. Please provide complete details about each protocol/policy separately, specifying the steps involved in investigating the reports/information about corruption within the Agency.
4. Where appropriate, please provide the location where such details, as per Point 3 above, are published on the official website of the UK government. Accepted locations are, inter alia, links (URLs) to the pages of the website where such details are published and made available to the general public.

MHRA RESPONSE

19 May 2023

Thank you for your request of 20 April 2023.

If the MHRA receives evidence of suspected corruption within the MHRA, then the Non-Regulatory Fraud and Bribery Response Plan and Procedure should be followed. This document is available to staff on the MHRA's intranet and you will find a copy of it attached.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: info@mhra.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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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