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Dear

**FOI 23/304**

*“Please provide the name of the person who puts the wording together for this page updated 8th march 2023 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-adverse-reactions/coronavirus-vaccine-summary-of-yellow-card-reporting> and why there is no mention of the Yellow card reports regarding the AstraZeneca but only reports the following.. It is in the public interest that AstraZeneca is reported and as it is now been discontinued this page should inform the public and the reasons why.*

*‘As of 22 February 2023, for the UK, 4,096 Yellow Cards have been reported for the bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Pfizer/BioNTech, 5,108 for the bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna, 57 for the COVID-19 Vaccine Novavax and 2,319 have been reported where the brand of the vaccine was not specified (please note this may also include vaccines which were used in the primary and initial booster campaign where the brand was not reported).’*

Thank you for your email dated 22nd April 2023, where you requested further information on the summary of COVID-19 vaccines summary and why AstraZeneca reports are not included.

Further to your request you may know that since the launch of the COVID-19 immunisation campaign the MHRA has been proactively monitoring the safety of all COVID-19 vaccines approved by the MHRA in near real-time. For transparency, the MHRA published the [adverse reaction assessment report](#), this was last updated on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and provides an overview of the numbers and types of all UK suspected adverse reactions received by the MHRA associated with the COVID-19 vaccines used for the autumn boosters.

The MHRA 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. The number of reports for COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine were no longer included as this vaccine was not



administered as part of the autumn boosters. It was decided however that the previous and known information on these vaccines will remain available as a record only and can be viewed on the government website: [ARCHIVED - Coronavirus vaccine - summary of Yellow Card reporting - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/archived-coronavirus-vaccine-summary-of-yellow-card-reporting)

You may be interested to know that in December 2022 the MHRA published [COVID-19 Vaccine reports](#) which contain interactive charts and tables displaying data for all COVID-19 vaccines. Here you can see all the data we have received in association with the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine and are able to filter on areas of interest.

I hope the information provided is helpful, but 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 of this response; and can be addressed to this email address.

Yours sincerely,

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