FOI 23/411 - sovereign status of MHRA

MHRA RESPONSE 30 June 2023

Dear

Thank you for your email of 1 June which asked **who had conferred sovereign status to the MHRA**. This was in the context of a presentation given by a then MHRA employee at a conference in 2021.

We've dealt with your request under FOI. I can confirm that we do not hold the information you've asked for. I can explain that this is because no one specific person or body has been responsible for conferring sovereign status to the agency. Having left the EU, the MHRA is the sole regulator for the safety and quality of medicines on the UK market.

If you disagree with how we have interpreted the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in answering your request, you can ask for an internal review. Please reply to this email, within two months of this reply, specifying that you would like an Internal Review to be carried out.

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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