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Dear [REDACTED]

FOI 23/144

Thank you for your email dated 17th Feb 2023, where you requested information held by the MHRA relating to the CPRD study "Herpes zoster vaccine and the risk of Bell's palsy and Guillain-Barre Syndrome in the UK". Apologies for the delay in responding to you on this request.

Specifically you asked:

Would you be able to provide all records related to this project, including:

- All versions of the protocol
- All contracts / reports / preliminary reports
- All numerical / statistical tables
- All correspondences (including emails) associated to those tables and reports

The protocol and reports from this study, including all numerical and statistical tables will be published in the future and thus provision of this information is exempt under Section 22 of the FOI Act. Section 22 of the Act allows public authorities to refuse requests where the authority intends to publish the information at a future date. This study will be published in a peer reviewed journal.

There are no contracts directly related to this study.

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Yours sincerely,



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