

## **FOI 23/429 – seizures of fentanyl and Xylazine**

**REQUEST**  
**19 June 2023**

Please may you provide me with:

- Can you give me a breakdown of the number of instances of substances containing fentanyl have been seized during their attempted illegal importation to the UK in the past 5 years?
- Can you give me a breakdown of the number of the instances of substances containing Xylazine being seized during their attempted importation to the UK in the past 5 years?

**MHRA RESPONSE**  
**16 JULY 2023**

Dear

Thank you for your email.

In accordance with section 1(1)(a) of the FOIA, I confirm that we do not hold the information you've requested. This is not part of our regulatory remit and is dealt with by law enforcement agencies, UK Border Force.

We advise you may wish to contact the Border Force for details of fentanyl seizures and please find below their contact details.

<https://www.gov.uk/make-a-freedom-of-information-request>

Similarly, xylazine is a veterinary medicine. The Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) would regulate veterinary medicine may be able to assist with your enquiry. Please find below contact details.

Email: [postmaster@vmd.gov.uk](mailto:postmaster@vmd.gov.uk)

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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Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely

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