

## FOI 23/408 – questions on supply and deployment of Novavax

### REQUEST

5 June 2023

I would like to request the following information:

- What is the reasoning behind asking doctors to throw away almost 999,000 doses of Novavax?
- Why were immunologists barred from giving the spare doses to vulnerable people
  - (i.e., people with conditions listed in the Covid-19 Green Book who had severe adverse reactions to other vaccines that weren't anaphylaxis)?
- Why has the government barred Covid vaccines from being available to purchase privately?

### MHRA RESPONSE

3 July 2023

Dear

Thank you for your email, we apologise for the delay in reply.

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) for Novavax is published on our website and has information relating to storage and use of the vaccine (please see Section 6). We have checked with teams across the agency and are not aware of any request we have made for doses of Novavax to be disposed of.

Whilst we are responsible for the licensing of medicines and their subsequent monitoring, we are not responsible for vaccine policy or deployment. We recommend you contact the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) who will be better placed to assist with your questions. They can be contacted via this link: [dhsc.publicenquiries@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:dhsc.publicenquiries@dhsc.gov.uk)

We apologise once again for the delay in reply.

Kind regards

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