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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your information request, dated 1st August 2023, where you asked for the number of adverse reaction reports related to e-cigarettes received for the financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23 and a breakdown of the adverse reactions reported for the financial year 2022/23.

I can confirm that in the financial year 2021/22, 6th April 2021 to 5th April 2022, the MHRA received 28 suspected adverse reaction (ADR) reports associated with nicotine-containing e-cigarettes through the Yellow Card scheme. In the following financial year, 6th April 2022 to 5th April 2023, the MHRA received 47 suspected ADR reports associated with nicotine-containing e-cigarettes.

The attached e-cigarette Drug Analysis Print (DAP) provides a breakdown of the 47 suspected ADR reports received between 6th April 2022 and 5th April 2023.

When considering this data, it is important to be aware that reporters are asked to submit Yellow Card reports even if they only have a suspicion that an e-cigarette may have caused an ADR. Many factors including underlying or previously undiagnosed illness unrelated to an e-cigarette have to be considered when assessing whether an e-cigarette has caused an ADR. Further details on interpreting the DAP can be found in the accompanying E-Cigarette Analysis Print interpretation guide.

A summary of all suspected adverse reactions associated with nicotine-containing e-cigarettes reported through the Yellow Card scheme can also be viewed on our e-cigarette Analysis Print. Please refer to the accompanying guidance document for information on how this data should be interpreted.

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I hope the information provided is helpful. If you have a query about the information provided, please reply to this email.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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