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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 14 November 2023 under the Freedom of Information Act.
You requested:

Please could you send me ALL publications/papers by the following group:

'Covid 19 Vaccines safety surveillance methodologies working group'. Chair Dr Siraj Misbah

Also a list of any papers currently being worked on.

Please find attached the redacted minutes of the COVID-19 Vaccines Safety Surveillance Methodologies EWG.

We confirm that there were four meetings of this group, held on the following dates:

1. 28th May 2020
2. 25th June 2020
3. 23rd July 2020
4. 27th October 2020

Details of the membership can be found published online [here](#).

Please find copies of these minutes attached. Please note that redactions have been applied as described below.

For all minutes

Some names under Invited experts, visiting experts and observers have been left visible because they are already in the public domain under 'COVID-19 Vaccines Safety Surveillance Methodologies EWG' - [Membership - Commission on Human Medicines](#) -

[GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). Those names which have been redacted are for those names which are not published.

There are also some redactions to names under the 'MHRA observers' section, these are in keeping with our established practice to redacting staff names based on seniority.

In both cases the information that has been redacted is exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information). Section 40 provides that personal information may be exempt from release where to do so would contravene data protection principles.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2020

In addition to the redactions described under 'For all minutes' above, redactions have been applied to the Conflict of Interest Policy section, between items 1.3 and 1.5. This was a welcome from the chair to one of the individuals whose name has been redacted from the list of attendees. This information is exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information). Section 40 provides that personal information may be exempt from release where to do so would contravene data protection principles.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd July 2020

In addition to the redactions described under 'For all minutes' above, redactions have been applied to the Conflict of Interest Policy section. This information covers apologies of observers and visiting experts. This information is exempt under Section 40 (Personal Information). Section 40 provides that personal information may be exempt from release where to do so would contravene data protection principles.

We hope you find this information helpful.

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Yours sincerely

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