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Dear [REDACTED]

FOI 23/747: Pfizer vaccine supply chains

Thank you for your communication, dated 06 October 2023, in which you requested information on Pfizer vaccine supply chains.

Please find below, our responses to your queries.

- 1. Under FOIA request please could you confirm the exact supply chain routes, companies and all associated nodes from Pfizer and into UK hospitals and vaccine centers please?**

The information we hold concerning the manufacturing, control and distribution associated with Pfizer that is not already in the public domain is exempt under Section 41 (Information given in confidence) and Section 43 (Commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act, in line with Heads of Medicines Agencies (HMA)/European Medicines Agency (EMA) guidance on transparency (pages 14 -15) available at: http://www.hma.eu/fileadmin/dateien/HMA_joint/02- HMA Strategy Annual Reports/07-Transparency/2012_03_HMA_EMA_Guidance_20120309_ComPersInfo.pdf.

The supply of licensed covid vaccines to UK hospitals and vaccine centres is a matter for NHS England and the healthcare systems in the devolved governments (Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales). You may wish to redirect your enquiry to NHS England and the devolved governments via the links below:

NHS England: www.nhs.uk and www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/
NHS Northern Ireland: www.hscni.net
NHS Scotland: www.scot.nhs.uk and www.nhsinform.scot/freedom-of-information-foi/
NHS Wales: www.nhs.wales

The “House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine programme in England Eleventh Report of Session 2022–23” <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/23019/documents/168825/default/> clarifies the role of the different organisations in England thus:

“NHS England leads on operational delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations in England and works together with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on vaccine supply, storage and distribution (prior to October 2021, Public Health England (PHE) undertook UKHSA’s responsibilities in this area). Local healthcare providers—NHS hospitals, GPs and community pharmacies—administer vaccines.”

2. In the USA the mRNA products are being issued as military countermeasures thus circumnavigating all usual control standards and associated regulators. Is the UK Military or MoD, MI6, or similar military entity involved (or ever has been) with the supply of mRNA products into the UK?

Regarding your query whether the UK Military or MoD, MI6, or similar military entity is involved (or ever has been) with the supply of mRNA products into the UK, again this is outside the remit of the MHRA, and we suggest you contact the organisations themselves.

We now consider this FOI request closed.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 2 months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: info@mhra.gov.uk.

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:

Information Commissioner’s Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

The FOI Team,
Healthcare Quality and Access.

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