

FOI 23/712

Dear

Thank you for your email.

"I would like to request information about childhood vaccines, specifically which vaccines the NHS uses that were produced or tested using human foetal tissue (cell lines) and if there are any alternatives that were not derived from this method."

We confirm that the first part of your question, regarding which childhood vaccines the NHS uses, falls within the remit of the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). The MHRA does not hold the requested information, but we have located the following immunisation schedule from the UKHSA website:

[Routine childhood immunisations schedule from September 2022 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/107142/routine-childhood-immunisation-schedule-from-september-2022.pdf)

For further information on childhood vaccination schedules, please contact UKHSA directly. They can be contacted as follows:

Email: InformationRights@UKHSA.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 7654 8000

As with all authorised medicinal products in the UK, the contents of each authorised vaccine are published in the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) for that vaccine. A link to the MHRA Product Portal where you can search for the SmPCs of any authorised product is provided below:

<https://products.mhra.gov.uk/>

For vaccines which use a cell line in their manufacture, please refer to the below resource for information:

[Vaccine ingredients | Vaccine Knowledge Project \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.vaccineknowledgeproject.org/)

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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Yours sincerely

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