

FOI 23/824

Dear

Thank you for your email.

“Under the freedom of information act I would like to ask up to current date

1 How many Covid 19 vaccines have been purchased by the Uk gov as reports state around 407 million

2 How many have been given out to Uk residents

3 How many vaccines have been sold or given to any other country

4 How many Covid vaccines have been destroyed or thrown away (unfit for use)

5 How many Covid 19 vaccines are now left unused still fit for use

6 What was the total cost of these vaccines

7 What was the cost of question 4

8 What was the cost of question 3”

The remit of the MHRA is to ensure medicines, medical devices and blood components for transfusion meet applicable standards of safety, quality and efficacy (effectiveness) but our remit does not extend to the purchasing or deployment of medicines and vaccines. Therefore, we confirm that we do not hold the information you have requested. We suggest that you may wish to contact the [Department of Health and Social Care](#) and [UK Health Security Agency](#) for this request.

Further advice and assistance:

We do hold some information on specific vaccines which had defects and these notifications may include details about whether or not the product was discarded, but this would not represent a comprehensive picture, and would not provide the totals as requested in Q.4 and 5.

I hope that this is of assistance.

Your right to seek a review

If you disagree with how we have interpreted the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in answering your request, you can ask us to review our actions and decisions by writing to: info@mhra.gov.uk, and requesting an internal review.

Please note that your internal review request must be in a recordable format (email, letter, audio tape etc.), and that you have 40 working days upon receipt of this letter to ask for a review. We aim to provide a full response to your review request within

20 working days of its receipt. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content 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 online via an electronic form: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Or in writing to:
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Yours sincerely,

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