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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request, dated 27 December 2023.

Your request

Please could you explain why the committee suddenly stopped meeting – or whether it was renamed etc and is still meeting under a different label?

Please could you also send me a copy of the publication by Prof Shakir and Dr Davies ‘the One Million Study’ from the DRSU as I cannot find it.

Our response

I confirm that MHRA holds this information and we take each issue in turn.

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In August 2020, a second Working Group was formed with a different remit and comprised of a wider range of expertise – this time to advise the MHRA on the benefits and risks of the COVID-19 vaccines in development. The minutes of all Benefit Risk EWG meetings are intended for future publication, and we are working to commence a schedule of proactive publication in 2024.



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Please see the published article from the Drug Safety Research Unit (DSRU) on The One Million Study for COVID-19 Vaccines. Please follow this link:

<https://www.dsrु.org/dsrnews/the-one-million-study-to-monitor-safety-and-effectiveness-of-covid-19-vaccines/>

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Yours sincerely,

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