

## FW: FOI 24/038 - freedom of information request

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**From:** Pharmacovigilanceser <vigilanceservice@mhra.gov.uk>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 4:52 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: FOI 24/038 - freedom of information request

Dear

Thank you for your email dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 where you requested:

Statistics on the number of children who are suspected to have died following routine NHS vaccines over the past 5 years and statistics on the number of children and adults who are suspected to have died from flu with the routine NHS flu mist / vaccinations over the past 10 years.

It may be helpful if I firstly describe the role of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the work that we do. The MHRA is a government agency that has responsibility for the regulation of medicines and medical devices. The MHRA is responsible for ensuring that the overall balance of benefits in terms of effectiveness, and risks of medicines is positive at the time of licensing and remains so thereafter.

The Yellow Card scheme, which is run by the MHRA, is the UK program for collecting experiences of side effects from healthcare professionals and patients and is used to monitor the safety profile of all medicines, including those from prescriptions, over-the-counter or general retail sales. It is a voluntary scheme for healthcare professionals and members of the public; however there is a legal requirement for pharmaceutical companies to report side effects that they have received to the scheme.

Therefore the MHRA does not hold the information that you have requested and we would suggest that you contact the Office for National Statistics who may be able to provide the data. However, if you would like to request data received through the Yellow Card scheme for a particular vaccine you may do so by submitting a new FOI request.

I hope the information provided is helpful, but 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 two months of the date of this response; and can be addressed to this email address.

Kind regards,

**FOI Team**

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**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2024 10:48 AM

**To:** DMRC - MHRA <[Dmrc@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:Dmrc@mhra.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** freedom of information request

To whom it may concern,

As per my rights under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) I hereby request statistics on the number of children who are suspected to have died following routine NHS vaccines over the past 5 years please.

Also, the statistics on the number of children and adults who are suspected to have died from flu with the routine NHS flu mist / vaccinations over the past 10 years please.

Thank you

Kind regards



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