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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your information request, dated 25 January 2024, where you asked for:

- 1. How many unlicensed and falsified medicines has the MHRA made in conjunction with Border Force during the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023?*
- 2. Is it possible to say which ports and hubs the items were seized at?*
- 3. In terms of in-land seizures, how many were made during 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023? Would it be possible to provide this by county level?*

*Would it be possible to provide an estimated value of the medicines seized in questions 1 and 2 please?*

*For questions 1 and 3 – are you able to reveal the therapeutic area that the medicines treat and could you provide a ‘top 10’ seized medicines by therapeutic area, as suggested below?*

I am pleased to provide you with the information requested, please see below.

**How many unlicensed and falsified medicines has the MHRA made in conjunction with Border Force during the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023?**

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
5,323,758	9,480,496	6,718,591	2,044,993	3,375,180



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**Is it possible to say which ports and hubs the items were seized at?**

### **Top 3 ports by seizures**

- Coventry
- Langlely
- Birmingham Airport

### **Top 3 ports by doses**

- Heathrow
- Coventry
- Langlely

**In terms of in-land seizures, how many were made during 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023? Would it be possible to provide this by county level?**

The total figures for in-land seizures and counties in which they were made are:

2020 1, 982,143 (Leicester, Stoke-on-Trent)

2021 550,897 (West Sussex, Hampshire)

2022 274,956 (Scotland, West Sussex, Essex, Norfolk, London, Dorset, Lancashire)

2023 1,479,360 (London, Manchester, Liverpool, Humberside)

**Would it be possible to provide an estimated value of the medicines seized in questions 1 and 2 please?**

For valuation purposes each tablet sells on the black market on average for between £1.00 and £1.40 regardless of content.

**For questions 1 and 3 – are you able to reveal the therapeutic area that the medicines treat and could you provide a ‘top 10’ seized medicines by therapeutic area, as suggested below?**

Erectile dysfunction

Hormone medicines

Anti-Hypertension

Nervous System medicines

Anti-bacterial/Antibiotic

Muscle relaxant

Analgesic (painkiller)



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Anti-parasitic

Anti-cancer medicines

Dermatological medicines

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Yours sincerely,

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