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Dear [REDACTED]

**FOI 24/034**

Thank you for your email of dated 11 January 2024, in which you requested:

‘How many doses of BioNTech BNT162b2 batch EJ0553 did the UK government acquire in December 2020?

How many individuals were injected with batch EJ0553 in December 2020?

Was this vaccine distributed equitably to vaccination centres in all four home countries?’

**MHRA response**

The MHRA does not hold the requested information on how many doses of the vaccine were acquired or injected into patients in 2020, or how the vaccine was distributed across each of the four home counties. The MHRA does not hold the requested information on where the vaccines were supplied or when, as deployment of the vaccine is outside the MHRA’s remit.

You may wish to contact the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) for further information via the below details:

[enquiries@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ukhsa.gov.uk)

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The supply of licensed covid vaccines to UK hospitals and vaccine centres is also partly a matter for NHS England and the healthcare systems in the devolved governments (Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales). You may wish to redirect your enquiry to NHS England and the devolved governments via the links below:

NHS England: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/)

NHS Northern Ireland: [www.hscni.net](http://www.hscni.net)

NHS Scotland: [www.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.scot.nhs.uk) and [www.nhsinform.scot/freedom-of-information-foi/](http://www.nhsinform.scot/freedom-of-information-foi/)

NHS Wales: [www.nhs.wales](http://www.nhs.wales)

The “House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine programme in England Eleventh Report of Session 2022–23”:

<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/23019/documents/168825/default/>

clarifies the role of the different organisations in England.

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Or in writing to:

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Yours sincerely,

HQA FOI Team

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