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Dear [REDACTED]

**FOI 24/149**

Thank you for your further email dated 12 February 2024 in relation to the information provided in the MMR vaccine page of the Vaccine Knowledge Project website.

*“There are some flaws in your vaccines doesn’t cause autism page you linked to below*

*MMR Vaccine (Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccine) | Vaccine Knowledge Project (ox.ac.uk)*

*In this study listed no medical records were looked at. The study failed to take into account those who also took DTAP, (which contains aluminium also) so those predisposed to autism would have been on the pathway before they got or did not get MMR. The study didn’t seem to include those being vaccinated during pregnancy from 2012 (which I believe you will see a marked increase in autism with another DTAP given in utero in addition to the other few given afterwards). If you have to keep giving it then it does not work. What is a booster boosting if it doesn’t boost anything?*

*Although the Japanese withdrew MMR they may have replaced it with MR which still contained gelatine and aluminium as well as DTAP*

*You say no vaccine virus can be found in the body after vaccination. Does this include antibodies from the vaccine virus? If not then they definitely do not work”*

We have considered whether your enquiry falls under the Freedom of Information Act as you submitted this alongside an FOI request you made on the same day. We have responded to that request under the reference number FOI 24/148.

We note that while you have asked questions in your enquiry above, we wanted to explain that the Freedom of Information Act grants access to the recorded information held by public authorities; there is no requirement to respond to questions which do not ask for recorded information and do not provide a clear description of the information they are seeking.

It is not clear in your enquiry if you are wishing us to provide recorded information in response to your questions, or if you wish us to respond with a view or a comment. Questions which ask us to give views or comments fall outside the scope of the FOI Act. This is explained in the Information Commissioner's guidance here:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/what-to-expect-after-making-an-information-request/>

*You have the right to access information that already exists. Public authorities don't have to create new information to respond to your request.*

*They are not required to answer questions unless they already hold the answer as recorded information.*

On this occasion your request does not meet the requirements for a valid request, as it asks us to comment on your statements and questions rather than asks for recorded information.

Please note that the Vaccine Knowledge Project website which you have commented in in your enquiry is independent of the MHRA. As this Project this is not part of the MHRA, we cannot give views on the study you wish to discuss.

To assist, we can direct you to general information in relation to the questions you have asked. Please note that these are not MHRA websites:

- Information on the need for booster dosing for some vaccines is provided under the section 'Why does my child need so many doses of the same vaccine?' in the [FAQs about vaccines](#) section of the [University of Oxford's Vaccine Knowledge website](#).
- Vaccines teach the immune system how to create antibodies that protect against diseases. Information on how vaccines work is available on the NHS website: [Why vaccination is important and the safest way to protect yourself - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#). You may also be interested in the information on the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention on [Explaining how vaccines work](#).

We have also included a further link to the Information Commissioner's website, where you can find guidance about what is and is not in scope of the FOIA, and advice on how to word an effective information request. You can access this guidance at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>

Yours sincerely,

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