

FOI 24/282 - Number of Batches used for COVID-19 vaccinations

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To [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Ref FOI 24/280 and FOI 24/282

Thanks you for your requests on 21 March 2024 regarding the number of batches used in the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccinations in the UK for the three most common vaccines (obviously Pfizer, AZ and Moderna).

We can provide the number of batches of COVID vaccines that were certified by MHRA/NIBSC for use in the UK during the period Dec 2020-Dec 2023 (no recent batches have been tested for the UK vaccination programmes since Dec 2023). Those batches certificated in December 2020 would be available then to commence vaccinations in January 2021. The number of batches that were 'used' may differ. Once a release certificate is issued to a manufacturer by MHRA/NIBSC, we would not know what is then used in the UK, and therefore do not hold that information.

To provide information therefore on number of batches that were certificated, please see the responses below.

Please provide a breakdown of the number of different batches used since the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccinations in January 2021 up until today, for the three main brands used in the UK.

1. Number of batches of Pfizer vaccines used since January 2021 to date

Response - Number of batches of Pfizer vaccines issued a release certificate by MHRA/NIBSC in the period Dec 2020 – December 2023 was 119.

2. Number of batches of AstraZeneca used since January 2021 to date (obviously this brand is no longer used).

Response – Number of batches of AstraZeneca vaccines issued a release certificate by MHRA/NIBSC in the period Dec 2020 – December 2023 was 104.

3. Number of batches of Moderna used from January 2021 to date.

Response – Number of batches of Moderna vaccines issued a release certificate by MHRA/NIBSC in the period Dec 2020 – December 2023 was 137.

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 you receive this response and addressed to: info@mhra.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
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To: MHRA Customer Services <MHRACustomerServices@mhra.gov.uk>
Subject: FOI 24/282 Number of Batches used for COVID-19 vaccinations

Hello,

21.03.24

Further to the email I sent to the press department earlier, I am now making a Freedom of Information request to you.

Please provide a breakdown of the number of different batches used since the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccinations in January 2021 up until today, for the three main brands used in the UK.

1. Number of batches of Pfizer vaccines used since January 2021 to date.
2. Number of batches of AstraZeneca used since January 2021 to date (obviously this brand is no longer used).
3. Number of batches of Moderna used from January 2021 to date.

Please provide the information to me using this email address: [REDACTED]

Please provide this information within 20 working days.

I understand each batch has different numbers of doses within it, which the MHRA is not able to provide, so I will ask the UKHSA for this information.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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