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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your information request, which we received on 04 April 2024. You asked for:

"I'm looking for all files and information that you hold regarding GW Pharmaceuticals between 1997-2000."

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In order to fulfil this request, we have looked through our records for granting of marketing authorisations, granting of clinical trials authorisations and the inspection of sites as part of MHRA's remit to monitor standards and compliance of medicines.

With regards to the granting of marketing authorisations to GW Pharma, no marketing authorisation applications were received by MHRA between 1997 and 2000. With regards to the granting of clinical trials authorisations, the Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1031) came into force in 2004. The MHRA does not hold data on Clinical Trials of Investigational Medicinal Products (CTIMPs) prior to 2004. With regards to the inspection of sites, no inspections of GW Pharma sites were conducted by MHRA between 1997 and 2000.

Therefore, after a search of our paper and electronic records in relevant and appropriate locations we have ***not*** been able to locate the information to address your request. Under Section 1(1) (a) of the FOIA we confirm that the information is not held.

Regarding your statement in your request concerning the Home Office granting GW Pharma a licence to grow cannabis in 1998, MHRA does not and has never issued licences for cultivation of cannabis.

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This concludes our response to your request.

If you have a query about this response, please contact us at foi.request@mhra.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications. Details of your appeal rights are below.

Yours sincerely,

Healthcare, Quality and Access Group

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Appeal rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you can ask us to conduct an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: foi.request@mhra.gov.uk

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you 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 a request unless the requester has first asked us to conduct an internal review.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted through their online webform at: https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/

Or in writing to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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