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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request received on 17 April 2026. You wrote:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

The number of cases since January 2021 in which the MHRA has taken action against pharmacies, clinics, or companies for advertising prescription-only weight loss medicines to the public.

A breakdown of the types of action taken (e.g. requests to amend advertising, warnings, enforcement notices, or prosecutions), by year.

The number of cases that resulted in formal penalties or sanctions, and details of those penalties where available.

If possible, please provide the information in a simple tabular format.

MHRA Response

Please note that this information is already accessible to you, as it is published on our website. Please see the link below, where you can access completed advertising investigations, searchable by year and month.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/advertising-investigations-by-mhra>

Please note that all action related to voluntary amendment of advertising practices.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

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