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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 4 February. You wrote:

*'Thank you for sending the information across.
However, there are only reports for London NorthWest University Healthcare and Royal
Free London (these are North Central London).
Within NW London we have the following trusts:
* Imperial
* Chelsea & Westminster Hospital
* Northwick Park Hospital*

*Please could you confirm whether you have received any yellow card reporting from
these trusts?'*

MHRA Response

We confirm that we hold the information you have requested.

Firstly, please accept my apologies for not including this information in our previous response (FOI2024/00727). Further to your request, we can confirm that the MHRA has received a total of 4,625 UK suspected spontaneous Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) reports up to and including 31/01/2025 submitted directly from Northwick Park Hospital, Imperial and Chelsea & Westminster Hospital trusts.

The hospitals included in the search are:

- Chelsea and Westminster Hospital (SW10 9NH)
- West Middlesex University Hospital (TW7 6AF)
- Charing Cross Hospital (W6 8RF)
- Hammersmith Hospital (W12 0HS)
- Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital (W12 0HS)
- Samaritan Hospital For Women (NW1 5JD)
- St Mary's Hospital (W2 1NY)
- Western Eye Hospital (NW1 5QH)
- Northwick Park Hospital (HA1 3UJ)

Please note the data provided includes reports received directly via the Yellow Card scheme from healthcare professionals and patients. The accuracy of this data relies on the postcode

being correctly provided by the reporter in the original Yellow Card. Additionally, entering a postal address is not required to submit a report; reporters are required only to provide a contactable address which can be either an email address or postal address. Therefore, this information may not be a complete representation of all reports from this area as reports where the postcode is incorrectly provided or where the reporter has only provided their email address will not be included in this output.

Please see below Table 1 which shows the number of UK spontaneous suspected ADR reports up to and including 31/01/2025 broken down by each hospital.

Table 1: All UK spontaneous suspected ADR reports received directly up to and including 31/01/2025 for Northwick Park Hospital, Imperial and Chelsea & Westminster Hospital trusts.

Hospital name	Hospital Postcode	Number of ADR reports
Northwick Park Hospital	HA13UJ	986
Samaritan Hospital For Women	NW15JD	9
Western Eye Hospital	NW15QH	10
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital	SW109NH	570
West Middlesex University Hospital	TW76AF	230
Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital/ Hammersmith Hospital	W120HS	348
St Mary's Hospital	W21NY	623
Charing Cross Hospital	W68RF	542

When considering the spontaneous ADR data detailed above, it is important to be aware of the following points:

- A reported reaction does not necessarily mean it has been caused by the medicine or medicinal product, only that the reporter had a suspicion it may have. The fact that symptoms or events occur after use of a product, and are reported via the Yellow Card scheme, does not in itself mean that they are proven to have been caused by the product. Underlying or concurrent illnesses may be responsible and such events can also be coincidental.
- It is also important to note that Yellow Card data cannot be used to determine the incidence of a reaction or to compare the side effect profiles of different medicines or vaccines. ADR reporting rates are influenced by the seriousness of ADRs, their ease of recognition, the extent of use of a particular drug or vaccine and may be stimulated by promotion and publicity about a drug. Reporting tends to be highest for newly introduced medicines or vaccines during the first one to two years on the market and then falls over time.

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

Yours sincerely,

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