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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 7 May. You wrote:

> *Please can you provide the vaccine injuries and deaths caused by the MMR vaccines since it was introduced.*

MHRA Response

We can confirm that the Agency holds this information. However, the information is exempt under Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. Further information can be found on ICO Section 21 Guidance

However, to be helpful you can find the information you seek at: https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/idaps. Interactive Drug Analysis Profiles (iDAPs) contain complete listings for all medicines and vaccines of all UK spontaneous suspected adverse reactions received by the MHRA and are available to view on this website. On this platform, you will be able to search for the specified medicine or vaccine and find the reported suspected adverse reactions associated with them. The graphs and tables within the 'Total Report Profile' and 'Total Reaction Profile' tabs are dynamic for all products. The filters on the left-hand side allow you to interact and filter the data as you wish. The platform also provides other searches which you can filter by, including "Report Submission", "Age Group" and "Seriousness".

As these data do not necessarily refer to proven side effects, you should refer to the product information which can be found here: https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/ for details on the possible side effects.

When considering spontaneous data for medicinal products, it is important to be aware of the following points:

- A reported reaction does not necessarily mean it has been caused by the medicine, only that the reporter had a suspicion it may have. The fact that symptoms occur after use of a medicine, and are reported via the Yellow Card scheme, does not in itself mean that they are proven to have been caused by it. Underlying or concurrent illnesses may be responsible and such events can also be coincidental.

- It is also important to note that the number of reports received via the Yellow Card scheme does not directly equate to the number of people who suffer adverse reactions and therefore cannot be used to determine the incidence of a reaction or compare the safety profile of different medicinal products. ADR reporting rates are influenced by the seriousness of ADRs, their ease of recognition, the extent of use of a particular medicine, and may be stimulated by promotion and publicity. Reporting tends to be highest for newly introduced medicines 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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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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Any request for an internal review must be received by us within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please note we are not obliged to provide a review if it is requested after more than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.
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