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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 17 October. You wrote:

*Where can I find Vaccine reports for the influenza vaccines, specifically those used in last years flu vaccination program? I only see reports for COVID vaccines and medicines. Also, the data Table view for COVID-19 Vaccine Pfizer/BioNTech bivalent does not show any values for 2023, but the graph shows doses were given. I do not see anywhere the total number of doses given? Without it interpretation of the ADRs is impossible.*

### MHRA Response

We confirm that we hold the information you have requested and provide it below:

To provide some clarification, currently influenza vaccination data is not available on the website via our interactive Drug Analysis Profiles (iDAPs) in the same way as this is available for other medicines. The MHRA have begun implementing a new enhanced format of these data visualisations which will enable us to provide access to more data than has been published previously, however, in the initial phase of this development, we have provided only COVID-19 vaccine data with further plans to include all routine vaccination data, including influenza vaccines, soon.

Please find attached a Vaccine Analysis Print (VAP) for each influenza vaccine from last year's flu vaccination program (2023/2024) which contains information on all UK spontaneous suspected Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) reports received through the Yellow Card scheme for that vaccine up to and including 07/11/2024. Please refer to the enclosed information sheet for guidelines on how to interpret the VAPs.

With regards to your query regarding the table versus graph view data discrepancy for COVID-19 Vaccine Pfizer/BioNTech bivalent vaccine, I can confirm this was a technical issue which has now been resolved, thank you for bringing this to our attention. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

When interpreting this data, please note that this is the estimated number of vaccines administered alongside the total number of suspected adverse reaction reports received weekly. The doses administered have been estimated based upon data provided by UK Public Health agencies and projected to a UK estimate using national published data on total vaccination doses administered. However, the availability of official vaccination data from the

UK Public Health agencies and the data published nationally have changed over time. Please note the estimates presented here do not include first or second doses administered after 11th September 2022. Additionally, after 23rd November 2022 the projection to a UK estimate is based on population estimates published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Therefore, if you require any information after this date, please contact the UK Public Health agencies.

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

Yours sincerely,

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