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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 9 September. You wrote:

This request is for MHRA PV inspection reports from 2022-2025. I did not see these reports in the FOIA website.

MHRA Response

Under Section 14(1) of the Fol Act, public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request which is deemed vexatious. By way of clarification, it is the request which is treated as vexatious not the person making the request.

A request may be treated as vexatious if the amount of time required to review and prepare the information for disclosure would impose a grossly oppressive burden on the organisation.

A vexatious request is assessed with reference to all the circumstances of an individual case. There are four broad themes to consider when looking at whether an Fol request(s) is vexatious. These four themes are:

1. the burden (on the public authority and its staff);
2. the motive (of the requester);
3. the value or serious purpose (of the request); and
4. any harassment or distress (of and to staff).

These four broad themes are not a checklist, and they are not exhaustive they simply emphasise that a range of factors need to be considered when applying Section 14(1).

In this case, the Agency is treating your request as vexatious for the following reasons: We have identified 92 completed inspections related to the period cited in your request (01 January 2022 and 31 December 2025). Of the reports identified, 41 of the 92 have not previously been released into the public domain.

Based on our knowledge of pharmacovigilance inspection reports we estimate the average length of these reports to be ~50 – 60 pages. However, some reports can be much greater in length.

Before we release inspection reports, we have to consider redactions which are made to discrete pieces of information within the reports; this is a manual process and a rapid/ automated method to complete this process does not exist. Due to the risk of human error, a QA check also takes place on the draft redactions which, while necessary, nonetheless places an additional burden on our resources.

On this basis, the Agency has decided that Section 14(1) of the FoI Act applies on this occasion.

Advice and assistance

If you wish to make a new request, please narrow the scope, for example by limiting the request to a maximum of 5 GPvP reports from the attached list.

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

Yours sincerely,

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