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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 3 September. You wrote:

Dear Freedom of Information Team,

I am a previous [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As a member of the Steering Committee, and in order to address its aims, I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to request a historical record of manufacturers of orthopaedic medical devices that were registered with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for the Great Britain market at any time between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2025.

If possible, I would be grateful if the information could include, for each manufacturer:

Manufacturer name.

Manufacturer registration number or other unique identifier (if available).

Country of establishment.

Date of initial registration

Date registration ceased (where applicable)

Device category or classification indicating that the manufacturer registered orthopaedic medical devices.

Any other information held that identifies the manufacturer as being registered in relation to orthopaedic medical devices.

If the full request would exceed the cost limit under the Freedom of Information Act, I would

appreciate your advice and assistance under section 16 of the Act to refine the request. For

example, I would be happy to receive the information in a readily available electronic format

or to limit the request to the information most easily retrievable.

If any of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, please provide the

remaining

information and explain which exemptions have been applied and why.

I would prefer to receive the information electronically in a searchable format such as CSV, Excel or PDF.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your response within the statutory time limit.

MHRA Response

We can neither confirm nor deny we hold information falling within the description specified in your request under section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as to do so would exceed the cost limit.

This is because we estimate the cost of checking if we hold the requested information or not would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. This represents the estimated cost of at least one person spending 3½ working days (equivalent to 24 staff-hours) in determining whether the Agency holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under Section 12(2) of the FoI Act the Agency is not therefore obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further. The reason being we do not hold all the information you have requested in a readily accessible format. We would be required to manually review every account and located one of the 500+ GMDN codes with “orthopaedics” within the description to identify devices that are no longer registered.

Under Section 16 of the FoI Act we should help you narrow your request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit. We would advise you limit your requests to all parts excluding date registration ceased. We can not advice if other exemptions will apply to the remaining requested information as we have engaged Section 16, but we would advise to consider if the remaining information you are requesting is publicly available on the Public Access Registrations Database.

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

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing foi.request@mhra.gov.uk or by writing to: MHRA Central Freedom of Information Team, 10 South, Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4PU

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.

Website: [ICO Contact Information](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113.

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