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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 8 August. You wrote:

> *Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information held by the MHRA.*
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> *1. The total number of Yellow Card reports received since 1 January 2024 that relate, in whole or in part, to unlicensed, falsified, or 'research use only' peptide products used by humans for weight loss, muscle building, or aesthetic purposes, including but not limited to retatrutide, tirzepatide (where recorded as unlicensed or counterfeit), BPC-157, and similar compounds.*
> *2. A breakdown by year and, where recorded, by outcome (e.g. hospitalisation, fatality, non-serious).*
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> *I am not requesting any personal data, case narratives, or information that would identify an individual reporter or patient.*

**MHRA Response**

We confirm that we hold the information you have requested.

The information you request is published on our IDAPS web page, which explains what is being reported via yellowcard - https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/idaps. You will be able to search under the product name of interest, and the report will contain the information you have requested.

Please note, not all peptide products fall within the MHRA's remit. For example, some peptides are marketed for bodybuilding and, where no medicinal claims are made, they would not be defined as medicines. Unless a product meets the legal definition of a medicinal product as set out in the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, it falls outside the MHRA's regulatory remit. Products that do not meet the definition of a medicine fall under different regulatory frameworks and competent authorities.

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

Yours sincerely,

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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 FOI and EIR complaints or telephone 0303 123 1113.

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