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Dear [REDACTED]

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

Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many medicines used for hair loss treatment (pills, liquids medicines etc), have been seized in 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date. Can you provide a yearly breakdown and not the total please. Can you also provide a breakdown of drug/brand names please.

1a) Of these, how many were legitimate pills/brands and how many were deemed to be fake pills/brands?

If it is not possible to provide some of the data requested, I would be grateful if you could provide whichever elements of this FOI request are eligible for release.

Therefore, if it is possible to ascertain within the prescribed time limit, without having to provide a fee for further investigations, please respond in electronic form with all the information above to the following email address: [REDACTED]

MHRA Response

We confirm that we hold the information you have requested.

	Finasteride	Minoxidil
2023	13,110	644
2024	1700	1511
2025	22890	4201
2026	1400	1000

Figures refer to doses of medicine seized.

All products seized are unauthorised medicines in the UK.

If you plan to use this information for media publication purposes, you should contact our news centre who can provide any additional context or comment. You can contact them on 020 3080 7651 or by email at newscentre@mhra.gov.uk.

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 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

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Website: [ICO FOI and EIR complaints](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113.

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