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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 23 September. You wrote:

Please could you tell us how many devices used in beauty and aesthetics the MHRA has inspected since 2020?

Of those machines inspected, please could you tell me how many have not been compliant with the MHRA standards?

For clarification, by devices we are using your guidelines (below):

- *Class I, IIa, IIb or III devices you have manufactured*
- *Class I, IIa, IIb or III devices you have refurbished or re-labelled with your own name*
- *any system or procedure pack containing at least one medical device*
- *custom-made devices*
- *IVDs you have manufactured*
- *IVDs undergoing performance evaluation*

MHRA Response

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the information you requested is not held by this Agency.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is responsible for ensuring that medicines, medical devices, and blood components for transfusions on the market in the United Kingdom are safe, effective, and manufactured to the highest standards of quality. The Medical Devices Regulations 2002 (MDR 2002) establish the statutory framework that medical devices must meet in order to comply with these standards.

Whether a product used for beauty or aesthetic purposes is regulated as a medical device depends on its intended purpose and the claims made by its manufacturer. Products intended solely for aesthetic purposes and without a medical purpose are not regulated as medical devices under the Medical Devices Regulations 2002 in Great Britain. They would therefore fall outside the scope of the MHRA's medical-device compliance activities.

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

Yours sincerely,

MHRA Central Freedom of Information Team
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