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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 22 April. You wrote:

I would therefore be grateful if you could provide the number of Yellow Card reports submitted by hospital nurses from the Belfast area during the following periods: 1 November 2025 - 31 January 2026 1 February 2026 - 31 April 2026 Please let me know if any further information is required to support this request. Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

MHRA Response

We confirm that we hold the information you have requested.

Following a search of our database, I can confirm that between 01/11/2025 and 31/01/2026 the MHRA received 5 UK spontaneous suspected Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) reports; and between 01/02/2026 and 30/04/2026, the MHRA received 4 UK spontaneous suspected ADR reports, submitted by Hospital Nurses within Belfast, Northern Ireland. The search focused on gathering all Yellow Card reports from Belfast where the postcode started with 'BT'.

Please note that the accuracy of this data relies on the postcode being correctly provided by the reporter in the original Yellow Card. Additionally, the provision of postal addresses is not required to submit a report; reporters are required only to provide a contactable address which can be either an email address or postal address. If reporters only provide an email address, these will not have been included in this analysis.

When considering the spontaneous Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) data provided within this response, it is important to be aware of the following points:

- The fact that symptoms or events occur after use of a medicine or vaccine, and are reported via the Yellow Card scheme, does not in itself mean that they are proven to have been caused by the medicine or vaccine. Underlying or concurrent illnesses may be responsible and such events can also be coincidental.
- It is also important to note that the number of reports received via the Yellow Card scheme does not directly equate to the number of people who suffer adverse reactions and therefore cannot be used to determine the incidence of a reaction. ADR reporting rates are influenced by the seriousness of ADRs, their ease of recognition, the extent

of use of a particular drug, and may be stimulated by promotion and publicity about a drug. Reporting tends to be highest for newly introduced medicines during the first one to two years on the market and then falls over time.

The MHRA continuously monitors the safety of medicines and vaccines through a variety of pharmacovigilance processes including the Yellow Card scheme. As part of our signal detection processes adverse reaction reports received by the Yellow Card scheme are assessed and cumulative information reviewed at regular intervals, and if appropriate, regulatory action would be taken if any serious risks were confirmed.

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

Yours sincerely,

MHRA Central Freedom of Information Team
Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

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