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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 14/05/2026 where you asked,

It was to see if there were any reported instances of horizontal transmission of BCG strain Mycobacterium bovis from vaccine recipients, e.g. to immunosuppressed close contacts, for a patient-specific query (prospective concern, not suspected case). I had found no published case reports in a bibliographic literature search.

MHRA Response

We can confirm that the Agency holds this information.

Further to your request, we have conducted a search for the number of reports received relating to infectious transmissions associated with BCG (Bacillus Calmette Guerin) vaccine, up to and including 10/06/2026.

Reaction terms are coded in our database based on information provided by the original reporter, using the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities ([MedDRA](#)). This search was conducted using the 'Infectious Transmissions' High Level Group Term (HLGT) to identify reports associated with horizontal transmission.

In response to your query, I can confirm that we have not received any reports containing reactions which fall within the 'Infectious Transmissions' High Level Group Term.

I hope the information provided is helpful. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.



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Yours sincerely,

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