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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 12 August. You wrote:

I would like data showing adverse reactions following BCG vaccination in late 2008 - 2009. at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK. My daughter (now 18) has just been told that she may have cutaneous TB, caused by the BCG she had at the JR Hospital. At the time of the vaccination, she had a severe lymph reaction, etc. I would like to know if other children experienced the same problems and if they went on to develop TB.

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 MHRA does not hold information on the location where a vaccine was administered. While reports submitted to the Yellow Card scheme may contain information about the reporter, the MHRA does not routinely record or maintain data that would enable us to identify adverse reaction reports associated with vaccinations administered at a particular hospital.

However, information submitted to the Yellow Card scheme may include details relating to the reporter, including postcode information. As part of our duty to provide advice and assistance under section 16 of the Act, the MHRA may be able to provide:

- aggregated Yellow Card data relating to suspected adverse reactions associated with BCG vaccines over a specified date range; or
- aggregated Yellow Card data relating to suspected adverse reactions associated with BCG vaccines over a specified date range where the reporter postcode corresponds to the John Radcliffe Hospital; or
- aggregated Yellow Card data relating to suspected adverse reactions over a specified date range for a specific brand or batch number of BCG vaccine.

Please note that postcode, brand and batch number fields are not mandatory within Yellow Card reports. The availability of this information therefore depends on the details provided by the reporter.

Please also note that data identified using reporter postcode would relate to reports submitted from that postcode and should not be interpreted as representing all vaccinations administered at, or all adverse reactions occurring at, the John Radcliffe Hospital. Similarly, a suspected adverse reaction reported to the Yellow Card scheme does not necessarily mean that it was caused by the vaccine.

If you would like either of the above datasets, please submit a new request.

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

Yours sincerely,

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