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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 11 February. You wrote:

I am updating some of my training material and wondering who best to contact for figures of any device that has caused adverse events in the last year

MHRA Response

We are unable to deal with your Fol request without clarification of the information you seek. The reason for this is:

We confirm that you can request data regarding medical device adverse incident reports from the MHRA. However, it is unclear from your request what information you require.

Under Section 16 of the Fol Act we should assist you in helping you focus your request. To help us do so, we would like to know:

- Are you requesting Trust-specific data or UK wide data? If Trust-specific, please provide us with the name of the Trust and which hospitals/ other healthcare facilities come under the Trust.
- Please could you provide us with GMDN codes for the device(s) of interest where possible?
- Please could you clarify what is meant by “in the last year” – do you require data for the calendar year 2024, or, for example, 11/02/2024-11/02/2025?
- Please could you confirm whether you require any further information regarding the reports, or whether total number of reports by GMDN code is sufficient?

See below an example format of device adverse incident report data request:

Please may I request the number of UK medical device adverse incident reports the MHRA has received for devices with the GMDN codes “123” and “456” from the period: 01/01/2024-01/01/2025.

We will consider any revised request however we cannot guarantee that any revised request will fall within the cost limit.

We recommend that you familiarise yourself with the Information Commissioners Office guidance on how to submit an FOI to a public authority. We have provided these links below to aid in future requests:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/preparing-and-submitting-your-information-request/>

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

Yours sincerely,

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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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

Any request for an internal review must be received by us within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please note we are not obliged to provide a review if it is requested after more than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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

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