Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request received on 31 December 2025. You wrote:

I am writing to request information under applicable freedom of information and transparency legislation regarding records held by UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

SUBJECT OF REQUEST:
This request concerns records related to:
- Yasmine Janssen (née Janssen), Belgian citizen, daughter of Dr. Paul Adriaan Jan Janssen (1926-2003), founder of Janssen Pharmaceutica
- Ludwig Criel, Belgian businessman with positions at CMB NV, Wah Kwong Group, and Gulf Navigation Holding PJSC
- QRS N.V., the Janssen family holding company based in Belgium
- Related corporate entities and business activities

SPECIFIC INFORMATION REQUESTED:
I am seeking access to any publicly available records related to marketing authorizations, pharmacovigilance records, inspection reports, including but not limited to:

1. Registration and licensing records
2. Regulatory filings and compliance documentation 3. Public disclosure documents 4. Corporate governance records 5. Any enforcement actions or investigations (public records only) 6. Historical records from 2000 to present

LEGAL BASIS:
This request is made under:
- Applicable freedom of information legislation in UK
- Public interest in corporate governance and regulatory compliance

PURPOSE:
This information is requested for legitimate research purposes related to corporate governance, regulatory compliance, and historical documentation.

I understand that some records may be subject to exemptions or require fees. Please advise if any fees apply or if clarification is needed regarding this request.

MHRA Response

We are unable to deal with your FOI request without clarification of the information you seek. The reason for this is we do not hold these types of records specifically on Yasmine Janssen or the Janssen family.

Information on marketing authorisations, pharmacovigilance records and inspection reports are based on marketing authorisations for medicinal products (which in the UK are allocated a PL number), marketing authorisation holders (company names to whom marketing authorisations are granted for medicinal products) and sites involved in the research, manufacture and control of medicinal products (companies who are inspected and provided with authorisations to, for example, manufacture a specific product).

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act we should assist you in helping you focus your request. To help us do so, we would like to know specific companies or pharmaceutical products (including PL numbers) and what information you would like on these. This will then be dealt with as a new request.

Please note that any new request for information may be exempt from disclosure if it triggers one or more sections of the FOI Act. For example, Section 12 exempts the release of information if it will take a department longer than 24 working hours to collect this information (unreasonable use of resources). You may want to tailor your request to ensure that it does not trigger any sections of the FOI Act.

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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