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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 29 January. You wrote:

*I am writing to you to make a freedom of information request, regarding the attached letter from yourselves to Dr Jeremy Metters at the Department of Health dated 21st Dec 1990.*

- 1. Could you please provide a copy of the data from your preliminary findings.*
- 2. Could you please advise if any further research took place following this letter of 21st Dec 1990, advising DOH of your preliminary findings?*
- 3. If so, please provide a copy of the further research data.*

### **MHRA Response**

The Agency has completed its search for the information you have requested, and we are able to confirm that we do hold some of the information you have requested.

Please note that information related to question 1 has been destroyed in accordance with Agency records management practices in line with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act (DPA) principles

A copy of the information which can be disclosed is attached as annex 1. This is in relation to question 2 and 3 and provides a published paper describing further research that was carried out following the letter of 21<sup>st</sup> December 1990. This follow-up work was carried out to look further at possible effects of anthrax vaccine being administered with pertussis vaccine which resulted in a paper being published. This information would normally be exempt under Section 21 of the Fol Act because the information is accessible to you as it is already in the public domain. However, for ease of accessibility we have enclosed a copy.

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

Yours sincerely,

MHRA Central Freedom of Information Team

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