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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request received on 6 April 2026. You wrote:

*I'm writing this email to submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request for "Ocrevus of PBRER body (the latest one)"  
Requesting document is listed below and please let me know if you need additional information*

*Ocrevus  
▶ PBRER body (the latest one)*

## **MHRA Response**

With regards to your request for the PBRER for Ocrevus, under Section 14(1) of the FOI Act, public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request which is deemed vexatious. By way of clarification it is the request which is treated as vexatious not the person making the request.

A request may be treated as vexatious, if the amount of time required to review and prepare the information for disclosure would impose a grossly oppressive burden on the organisation.

A vexatious request is assessed with reference to all the circumstances of an individual case. There are four broad themes to consider when looking at whether an FOI request(s) is vexatious. These four themes are:

1. the burden (on the public authority and its staff);
2. the motive (of the requester);
3. the value or serious purpose (of the request); and
4. any harassment or distress (of and to staff).

These four broad themes are not a checklist, and they are not exhaustive they simply emphasise that a range of factors need to be considered when apply Section 14(1).

In this case, the Agency is treating your request as vexatious because the document concerned is over 6000 pages long. In order to prepare this document for release, we would

be required to go line by line through all 6000 pages to look for personal information to redact. Following this, the marketing authorisation holder for the medicinal product concerned would also be required to do the same as part of the consultation with third parties that is required when considering the release of the document under FOI.

On this basis, the Agency has decided that Section 14(1) of the FOI Act applies on this occasion.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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