



By email

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Our ref: 09/04/21/ld/81

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Dear Anna Frances,

Re: 081 – FOI Funding provided by Bill Gates to PHE; fatality rate of Covid-19 vaccines

Thank you for your request received on 9 April 2021 addressed to Public Health England (PHE). In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have specified. I have answered your questions in turn.

Request

1) Please provide evidence of all funds received by your organisation in the last 10 years and in particular re covid vaccines from Bill and Melinda Gates.

PHE can confirm it does not hold the information requested.

PHE is an executive agency of the DHSC and funded chiefly by Grant in Aid. We do not have an ability to take donations. We generate some income from other sources such as products or services. Information on PHE's products and services is available in the Annual Report and Accounts, which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/phe-annual-reports-and-accounts>

PHE has not received money directly from Bill Gates as an individual. PHE has received grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for work in public health which aligns to our strategic priorities, through contracts to support research commissioned by the Gates Foundation. However, PHE has not received grants from the Gates Foundation relating to work on Covid-19 vaccines.

2) Please advise the fatality rate per age and per vaccine name from Covid19 vaccines and how many days after the vaccine was date of the fatality.

PHE can confirm it does not hold the information requested.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Accordingly, you may wish to contact the Medicines and Healthcare

products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), as they may be able to advise further. The contact details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency>

The MHRA regulates medicines and medical devices, and ensures that medicines and medical devices including vaccines, meet applicable standards of safety, quality and efficacy. The MHRA operates the Yellow Card scheme, which is the UK system for collecting and monitoring information on suspected safety concerns or incidents involving medicines and medical devices. The MHRA publishes a weekly report covering suspected adverse reactions to approved COVID-19 vaccines, this includes suspected deaths. You can access these reports at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-adverse-reactions>

3) Please provide the patent name owners of these covid19 vaccines:

Pfizer

Astrazeneca

Moderna

Johnson and Johnson

PHE can confirm it does not hold the information requested.

You may wish to contact the MHRA, as they may be able to advise further. Please refer to question 2 for further details.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by calling the ICO's helpline on 0303 123 1113, visiting the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk or writing to the ICO at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely
FOI Team