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Our Reference: 202000118681
Your Reference: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Covid-19 vaccine' risks; have these been disclosed?

26 March 2021

Dear Bartholomeus Lakeman ,

Thank you for your review request of 5 January 2021. I have completed a review of your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

Under the maxim 'Primum non nocere' (first, do no harm) and the Govt.' duty to practice Transparency and Accountability towards its actions, as for the public to come to an informed consent; the Govt has to provide the necessary data regarding the risks from a covid-19 vaccine: including the evidence of that its manufactures (e.g. Pfizer) provided, and you can provide:

1. Full disclosure of raw data from studies and trails to allow independent analysis;

2. Full transparency in relation to safety and efficacy trials;

3. Full transparency over the vaccine platform(s) and technology used for commercial vaccines;

4. Conduct of comprehensive studies evaluating the independent risk form adjutants (additives);

5. Full disclosure of vaccine composition in commercial formulations;

6. Full transparency of all adverse event data in all studies and post-marketing surveillance;

7. Clarification of eligibility and criteria for no-fault vaccine injury payments or compensation;

8. Clarification of nature and extent of government indemnity if manufactures in the event in jury;

9. Public dissemination of extent of naturally acquired (herd) immunity prior to vaccine roll-out;

10. Engagement of due democratic process if a vaccination is imposed.

Response

I have been asked to look at your request afresh, to decide whether the original response should be confirmed, with or without modifications, as appropriate, or that a fresh decision should be substituted. I can confirm that I was not involved in the handling or decision-making around the original response.

In conducting my review I have spoken with the official who handled your request and examined the information held on our electronic information management systems. Having done so, I am satisfied that no information falling within the scope of your request is held. I have therefore concluded that the original decision should be confirmed without modifications.

I am satisfied that we were entitled to respond to your request under section 17(1) (information not held) of FOISA because the Scottish Government does not hold the information you have requested.

As the original response advised, you may wish to contact the Medical and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), which can be contacted via email at info@mhra.gov.uk, or in writing at;

MHRA
10 South Colonnade
London
E14 4PU

If you are unhappy with the outcome of this review you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner about our decision within 6 months of receiving this letter. Information on how to make an appeal, along with an application form, is available on the Commissioner's website at: www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal.

You can also contact the Commissioner at:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife KY16 9DS

E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

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Should you then wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely

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