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Dear Ms Ryalls,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1143190

Thank you for your request dated 30 July in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

On the 2nd September 2008, Professor Ken Woods, Chief Executive sent a letter Human papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation programme - reporting adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme

The letter contained the following subheadings

- How to report a suspected ADR
- Faints and panic attacks
- Anaphylaxis and other allergic reactions

Could you please provide a copy of this letter and confirm who it was sent to.

Please also provide copies of any other correspondence from Prof Kent Woods relating to the HPV vaccination which was sent to healthcare professionals in 2008"

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DHSC does not hold the information you have requested. To establish that the information is not held, policy officials have searched systems, interrogated relevant databases and spoke to the relevant policy officials.

You may wish to contact the Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) which may hold the information you require, as Professor Sir Kent Woods was Chief Executive of the MHRA between 2004 and 2013. The contact details are:

Freedom of Information Customer Services 10 South Colonnade London E14 4PU United Kingdom

Email - info@mhra.gov.uk

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the address at the top of this letter, or the email address at the end of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) who may decide to investigate your concerns. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Yours sincerely,

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