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Dear Mr Haigh

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1145985

Thank you for your request dated 18 August in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

Subject: Freedom of Information request - The Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979

(1) Please confirm the total amount of money awarded under The Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 since inception until the present day.

(2) Please confirm the total number of claims made since inception until the present day.

(3) Please confirm the total number of successful claims made since inception until the present day.

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

DHSC holds this information, and the figures up to the end of July 2018 are as follows:

(1) Please confirm the total amount of money awarded under The Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 since inception until the present day.

The total amount of money awarded is £74,490,000

(2) Please confirm the total number of claims made since inception until the present day.

The total number of claims is 6,298

(3) Please confirm the total number of successful claims made since inception until the present day.

The total number of awards is 939

Please note that it is the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP's) Vaccine Damage Payment Unit which is responsible for maintaining data relating to claims received under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979, and if you require further information, you may wish to contact DWP directly. Its contact details are as follows:

freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.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
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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