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Dear Ian Dalton,

Re: Vaccine adverse reactions

Thank you for your request received on 19 July 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.

Request

I would like to know how many adverse reactions there have been to date from the Covid19 vaccines. The data can be presented into a simple spreadsheet with the information broken down into age categories, type of reaction (blood clot, death etc).

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, PHE can confirm that it does not hold the information you have requested. Under Section 16 of the 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), which is responsible for ensuring the safety, quality and effectiveness of medicines, medical devices and blood components for the transfusion in the United Kingdom. The MHRA operate the Yellow Card scheme, which is the UK system for collecting and monitoring information on suspected safety 4 concerns or incidents involving medicines and medical devices. The MHRA publish a weekly report on suspected adverse reactions to the approved COVID-19 vaccines. You can access this report at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-adverse-reactions/coronavirus-vaccine-summary-of-yellow-card-reporting

Furthermore, should you wish to submit a request to the MHRA, you can contact the MHRA FOI team at: info@mhra.gov.uk

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