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Dear Mr Brown

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1161672

Thank you for your request dated 2 January 2019 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Vaccine Damage Payment information

Please can you provide me with the following information or pass the request onto the correct department.

With regard to <https://www.gov.uk/vaccine-damage-payment>

Please can you provide me information on the number of requests for Vaccine Damage payments broken down by year and whether the claim was successful or rejected. Please could you further break this down by age group (at the very least split under-18s and over-18s). Please can I have the numbers as far back in time as is possible.

Please can this be for all countries in the UK.

Finally, please can you include the lump sum award that was in place that year - I believe this stands at £120,000 but was previously £100,000.

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

DHSC holds relevant information, and this is provided in the attached table.

Please note that although the table shows the number of payments made year on year, the claim may not have been awarded in the same year in which it was received; for example, the table shows 874 claims received in 1979/80 and 317 awards but it does not mean that 317 of the 874 claims received were awards. Some of the claims that were paid in 1979/80 would have been received in the previous year.

Also, the amount paid is based on when the claim was submitted, not the year it was paid.

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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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Yours sincerely,

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