



By email

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Our ref: 31/05/lh/120

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Dear P Maddison

Re: Vaccines

Thank you for your request for information received on 31 May 2016 which asked Public Health England (PHE) for information about vaccines.

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom Of Information Act, I can confirm that PHE does not hold the information you have requested. You asked:

- 1. What is added to vaccines to extend their 'shelf-life'.**
- 2. What other substance is added to vaccines and why.**

PHE does not hold this information. Under our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, this information can be found on websites detailing medicine content, for example, the electronic Medicines Compendium (eMC).

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/>.

3. I require a list of vaccines and what they are supposed to fight.

Under the Section 21 – *information accessible to applicant by other means*, exemption, the information you have requested is exempt. Information on routine vaccines provided by the NHS and the diseases in which they protect against can be found via the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule> .

Further information on NHS routine and also non-routine vaccines, and the diseases which they protect against, is located on the PHE website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book>

PHE does not hold a list of vaccines which are not available via the NHS. Vaccine manufacturers should be approached separately for this information.

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 writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer