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Dear Mr Roberts,

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2020 requesting the following information:

"Which anthrax vaccine was used in the ' Titled' Vaccine Interaction Research which was supposed to be a comparison vaccination study? 2005 - 2006. Where it states ' Independently Endorsed by Prof Donald Davies.

For some reason carried out not in 91,92 or 93 but 15 years after the Gulf War?

Remembering medical documents were lost during and post Gulf War. Then there was the lessons learned not to lose medical data. Then more medical data was lost in the years up to 97. In which year did MOD learn to stop losing the medical data surrounding our Gulf War troops?

As this data is from 2005/2006. Did MOD manage to not lose these? So finally we can have a question answered?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Could you please clarify the sources you quote, which have not been supplied? Once you have clarified your request, we will be pleased to consider it again.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, you may wish to note, as you have been told previously, all key facts about the vaccines used to protect British Forces during the 1990/1991 Gulf Conflict have been disclosed and have been in the public domain for some years; no new information is available. You have been previously supplied with links to the documents published by the MOD. It appears likely that your FOI enquiry relates to those documents.

If you continue to ignore the advice and assistance provided to you and repeatedly submit requests for similar or the same information, the Department will have no option but to consider declaring your requests on the subject of the 'MOD's Gulf War vaccination programme in 1990/91' vexatious under section 14(1) (vexatious requests) of the Act. Given that this subject has already been very extensively investigated independently and detailed official reports published on the subject, further requests on this matter are unlikely to reveal any further information of public significance.

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Yours sincerely,

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