

Freedom of Information request 151-19

Request & Response

Information Request - Child Vaccine Testing and Licensing Information

I wrote to NHS Health Scotland making a freedom of information request. NHS Health Scotland has responded to inform me that although they are a part of the NHS in Scotland, they do not provide health services directly to the public and have no role in monitoring or providing the information that I am looking for. Their role is to work with a range of organisations including other NHS Boards, local government, the third sector and employers to help them use knowledge about what works to improve the health of people in Scotland. They have indicated that the data I seek is held by the 14 local health boards responsible for patient care.

1. Please can you provide all the UK scheduled child vaccine testing and licensing information?

For all UK scheduled child vaccine testing and licensing information the NHS who provide vaccination and immunisation services refer to the Green Book which is available online and is updated as required online to give the latest information. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book>

2. Please provide all the side affects for each of the scheduled uk Child vaccines as they are not collated in one area?

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3. Please also provide the ingredients of all scheduled childhood vaccines?

The ingredients of all scheduled childhood vaccines can be found here

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/browse-medicines/> and additional information can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/vaccine-ingredients> Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

4. Please also provide the length of testing for each of these vaccines before they were approved, and their noted side affects?

NHS Borders does not undertake vaccine testing, therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is not held.

5. Please provide the 3 child vaccine trials that concluded in 2016?

NHS Borders does not undertake vaccine trials, therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is not held.

6. Please explain why the trial results have not yet appeared on the EU Clinical Trials Register (EUCTR), which is in breach of EU law which requires registration within 12 months?

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7. Please explain if the testing and licensing process for Child vaccines differs from other medication? And if so, why?

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8. Please provide which medications and vaccines currently approved for use in the UK were not tested using a double blind, inert placebo process?

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9. Following a freedom of information act request in the USA, Centre of Disease Control and Prevention for original MMR study documentation, a doctor with the CDC who was an immunisation safety researcher and a whistleblower disclosed that the CDC retroactively altered the final study results and that in fact there was evidence that there was 3.4 increase in the incident of autism following MMR in African American boys, Has the NHS considered this situation and sought to clarify the position to ensure that the MMR vaccine trial results are accurate?

The Scottish Immunisation Programme working with the UK Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation considers substantive new information as it arises.

10. Following several mainstream media outlets recently highlighting concern regarding vaccine misinformation and in doing so continue to quote NHS figures on vaccine uptake but not on vaccine injury or year on year comparisons of disease rates for either vaccinated or un-vaccinated, please can you provide the laboratory confirmed cases for each of the diseases that have childhood vaccines which have been designed to protect against them?

This information is provided on the HPS website at Scotland level. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

11. Please provide this information separating each of the diseases and provide the collated information for each year, for the last 10 years, and for each laboratory confirmed cases provide the total for the year, the total of those cases 12 years old and younger, and for both the total and those 12 years old and younger, please indicate how many of those cases were vaccinated and were not vaccinated against the disease contracted.

This information is not available electronically therefore a manual trawl of all cases would be required and the time required to do this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.

12. For the same period please can you also confirm how many vaccine injuries were reported, the total awards and the vaccine damage payments for vaccine injury and for which diseases?

This data is not held by NHS Borders. The MHRA vigilance unit collects data on adverse events <https://www.gov.uk/topic/medicines-medical-devices-blood/vigilance-safety-alerts> , therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

13. Please confirm the amount of deaths resulting from vaccine injury?

This data is not held by NHS Borders. There is a national (UK) vaccine damage payment scheme <https://www.gov.uk/vaccine-damage-payment> , therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to,

Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **151-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.