

# Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

## **Decision notice**

Date: 19 August 2022

Public Authority:Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory<br/>Agency (MHRA)Address:10 South Colonade<br/>London<br/>E14 4PU

#### Decision (including any steps ordered)

- 1. The complainant made a request for information relating to ingredients of all Covid-19 vaccines. MHRA has provided a link to the patient information leaflets held which list the ingredients for the various Covid-19 vaccines. The complainant considers that there are other ingredients in the vaccines not listed in the information to which he was provided links to. At internal review MHRA upheld its original response.
- 2. The Commissioner considers that MHRA has confirmed and provided the recorded information it holds falling within the scope of the request under section 1(1)(a) and (b) FOIA.
- 3. The Commissioner requires no steps to be taken.

#### **Request and response**

- 4. The complainant made the following information request to MHRA on 31 August 2021:
  - "1. What hidden ingredients isn't in insert on packaging is in the vaccines
  - 2. Does all Vaccines contain Hydro Gel or Peg lipid nanoparticles or poly



3. Does all Vaccines contain GO/Graphene Oxide which is normally in Poly/Peg and Hydro Gel and lipids nanoparticles

For Vaccines

4. If GO are in all Covid-19 Vaccines

What effect on human Body does too GO have like internal organs and effects on Red Blood Cells

5.does covid Vaccines have Hidden manufacture ingredients non disclosure if this is the case surely if not on packaging insert public not getting right information for Informed Consent"

5. On 7 September 2021 MHRA provided the complainant with links to the patient information leaflet for each Covid-19 vaccine listing the ingredients. On the same date the complainant requested an internal review as he considers that the patient information leaflets did not list all of the ingredients and explained why he considers undisclosed ingredients are contained within the vaccines. The MHRA upheld its original response at internal review.

### **Reasons for decision**

6. Section 1(1) FOIA provides that:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled –

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him."

- 7. The complainant has asked the Commissioner to investigate MHRA as he is concerned there are other ingredients contained within the Covid-19 vaccines which is not listed in the patient information leaflets.
- 8. The Commissioner is unable to investigate how the MHRA conducts its regulatory role and so he has sought to determine whether, on the balance of probabilities, MHRA holds any further recorded information falling within the scope of the request.
- 9. In its response to the complainant MHRA explained that, "Please note none of the vaccines contain graphene oxide. As no medicinal products



MHRA has ever licensed contain graphene oxide, we hold no data on the effects of graphene oxide on the human body. The list of ingredients in each vaccine has been provided to you, there are no further "hidden" ingredients in any of the authorised vaccines."

- 10. On the balance of probabilities the Commissioner is satisfied that the requested information is not held by MHRA because as the regulator of medicines and healthcare products it has confirmed that it has never licensed products contain graphene oxide and that there are no "hidden" ingredients if any of the authorised Covid-19 vaccines. The complainant has therefore been provided with links to the information he requested which is held by MHRA.
- MHRA has therefore complied with its obligations under section 1(1)(a) and (b) FOIA in this case.



## **Right of appeal**

12. Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from: First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)

GRC & GRP Tribunals, PO Box 9300, LEICESTER, LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0300 1234504 Fax: 0870 739 5836 Email: <u>grc@Justice.gov.uk</u> Website: <u>www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-</u> <u>chamber</u>

- 13. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
- 14. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

Signed.....

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