

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I am writing to request the following information regarding the number of Covid-19 vaccine doses administered by centres run by your Trust, and the number of vaccine doses discarded or thrown away at these centres run by your trust.

Please provide figures and information for the time period starting from when the UK vaccine-roll out began in December 2020 - Present.

1. The total number of single Covid-19 vaccine doses administered by all health authorities within your trust each month, broken down by manufacturer, e.g. AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Moderna.

[This is recorded directly into the National Vaccine Inventory Management System \(Foundry\) and not recorded locally. To provide this information would require a manual trawl of 15 sites x 7 days x the amount of weeks the Trust has been running the vaccine and so we are applying section 12 where costs of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.](#)

2. The total number of single vaccine doses that have been wasted or discarded at vaccine hubs controlled by your trust each month, broken down by manufacturer, e.g. AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Moderna.

[See response to Q1 above](#)

3. Please state the reasons for this wastage or discarding, e.g. dropped or contaminated vials; human error in the preparation process; expired stock; leftover doses; and faulty syringes.
 - [Contamination](#)
 - [Damage/Dropped](#)
 - [Excess Stock](#)
 - [Expired Shelf Life](#)
 - [Improper Storage](#)
 - [Lost/Stolen](#)
 - [Reconstitution/dilution/prep error](#)
 - [Refused at Delivery](#)
 - [Site fridge/freezer malfunction](#)
 - [Transport breakdown](#)
 - [Unable to achieve last dose](#)
 - [Waste at point of care](#)
 - [Wasted due to blunt needle.](#)

If you do not hold this specific information I would be grateful if in line with Section 16 of the Act you could provide me advice and assistance as to what information you hold that is relevant to my request. Similarly, if you require any clarification regarding my above questions then please contact me under your section 16 duty.

Please response above

Exemption: Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
 - (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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