



Mr Wynne Jones

By email to: cj-editor@biggeesblog.cymru

9 November 2021

Dear Mr Jones,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1366344

Thank you for your request dated 6 October 2021 to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) (for clarity, one of three requests of that date), the full text of which is attached (including the attachment forwarded with your request). Your exact request was as follows:

“I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with the following information from your records regarding whether accountability for the roll-out decision rests with:

- 1. the U K Prime Minister, or*
- 2. the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care [S o S H S C], who requested temporary emergency authorisation under Regulation 174 Human Medicines Regulations 2012, or*
- 3. the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency [MHRA] who granted temporary emergency authorisation under Regulation 174 Human Medicines Regulations 2012, following a request from S o S H S C.”*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

DHSC holds this information. The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is accountable for the decision to roll out the covid-19 vaccines. Section 2A of the National Health Service Act 2006, includes an express Secretary of State power to provide vaccination services (2A(2)(c)).

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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