

24th March 2023

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Dear Ms Wales,

Re: Response to Request for Information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) – [REDACTED] FOI 20230223

On behalf of all my colleagues who co-signed the letter dated 23 February 2023, I acknowledge your response dated 15 March 2023.

Naturally, we are most disappointed that you have not replied to any of our requests for information.

We acknowledge that the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) is not a public authority and therefore not obliged to provide any information requested under the FOIA.

Nevertheless, when over 90 professionals and academics have approached you, some of them former fellows of the RCOG, we would have expected some transparency as to why the college has not considered our concerns.

Moreover, our request for information was essentially an enquiry regarding the sources informing the RCOG position statement on COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy. As this position statement has a profound influence on advice that is given to pregnant women and therefore on their welfare and that of their offspring, we would have expected the supporting evidence to have been included in the original document.

We assume the information we requested is available to the authors of the position statement as well as your "COVID-19 guidance cell" and would therefore be easily accessible.

Due to the gravity of the matter and as a courtesy to all of my colleagues who share my serious concerns, we therefore renew our request to share the relevant information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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