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Sent by email

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Request for Information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) –
[REDACTED] **FOI_20230223**

Thank you for your RFI under the FOIA, received Thursday 23 February 2023. Please see an extract of your request and our response below.

Your request

1. *Please disclose details of any correspondences relating to your dealing with our concerns outlined in our previous appeal*
2. *Please disclose details of any correspondences relating to your decision-making process that led to your complete disregard of any of our concerns and references in your recent position statement*
3. *In the interest of transparency and clarity of the position you continue to maintain, please provide the following supporting evidence which you refer to in your position statement:*
 - a. *Any and all publications, studies and data you rely upon to claim that vaccination “is the best way to protect against the known risks of COVID-19 in pregnancy for both women and babies”, i.e. which show not only that COVID-19 vaccines are effective but also superior to any other measures.*
 - b. *References of the animal studies which you claim provide satisfactory evidence that COVID-19 vaccines cause no harm to pregnancy or to fertility.*
 - c. *The full study protocols “monitoring both the mother and baby’s health during pregnancy and for a year after the baby’s birth”.*
 - d. *Any and all publications, studies and data you rely upon to claim that “worldwide data shows that the rates of miscarriage were the same in those who had received a COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy as in the general population who had not been vaccinated”.*



- e. *The full MHRA analysis of “reports of miscarriage and stillbirth in pregnant women who have received the COVID-19 vaccines and have not identified any pattern”.*

Our response

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (the College) is not a public authority and is not subject to the FOIA. The College is therefore not obliged to provide you with the information you have requested.

However, our COVID-19 guidance cell has reviewed your letter and the above request. While the guidance cell do not believe that the data put forward should alter the College’s position on vaccination, we are committed to reviewing the evidence for vaccination on an ongoing basis, especially as incidence of new infections decreases. Your letter will be considered as part of this ongoing review process.

Your next steps

If you have any further queries about this RFI, please contact the Information Governance (IG) Team using the email and postal address at the top of this letter or call us between 9:00am – 4:30pm (UK time) Monday to Friday.

If you are unhappy with our response and want to make a complaint, please see our Complaints Policy and Procedures for more information: <https://www.rcog.org.uk/about-us/policies/complaints-policy-and-procedure/>

Yours sincerely,

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