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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Request for Information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) –
[REDACTED] **FOI_20230324**

Thank you for your letter received Friday 24 March 2023 regarding our response to your recent RFI under the FOIA, in which you renew your request first submitted on Thursday 23 February 2023. Please see an extract of your original request and our further response below.

Your original request

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.

RCOG coronavirus guidelines are produced to the same evidentiary burden of all our guidance, and are developed by a multidisciplinary group using the best available evidence retrieved by regular literature reviews undertaken by the RCOG Library team:

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/guidance/library-services/>. If significant new evidence emerges, we have a process for including this in subsequent versions.

The [RCOG position on COVID-19 vaccine safety in pregnancy and breastfeeding](#) is informed by the evidence referenced in the latest published guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection in Pregnancy: <https://www.rcog.org.uk/media/ftzilsfj/2022-12-15-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-in-pregnancy-v16.pdf>

This guidance is also accessible via the MAGICapp platform, which includes direct links to each referenced source: <https://app.magicapp.org/#/guideline/LqgJ3E>

Your next steps

The College considers this to be a full response to your inquiries.

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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