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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information Requested:

I understand this is the season when your company markets the flu vaccine, I wish to learn more about the ingredients in the vaccine, please forward a list of contents in order for me to decide if it is biologically safe before I have the vaccination.

Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. Public Health Wales does not market the flu vaccine itself, however we do administer the flu programme for Wales. The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommend the composition of the flu vaccine for the use for each flu season.

https://www.who.int/influenza/vaccines/virus/recommendations/2019_20_north/en/

There are a number of different influenza vaccines licensed for use for the general population, each targeted at specific groups in order to optimise efficacy. Public Health Wales only uses one vaccine for the internal staff campaign, to immunise its staff. The link to the Summary of Product Characteristics for the vaccine used by Public Health Wales can be viewed on the link below:

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/9753>

You can find further information on our Public Health Wales internet about the flu campaign

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/beat-flu/adults/>

You can find information about the flu vaccination programme 2019-20 on the below Welsh Health Circular (WHC (2019) 015)

<https://gov.wales/national-influenza-immunisation-programme-2019-2020-whc2019015.>

Your chosen vaccine provider i.e. Doctor, pharmacy, can provide you with a list of ingredients for the vaccine they will be providing for your particular group.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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