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Email:

Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 211154.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

**I write with regard to the matter of potential covid vaccine and my desire to be fully informed and appraised of ALL facts before going ahead. I'd be most grateful if you could please provide the following information, in accordance with statutory legal requirements:**

**1). How many staff are employed by Secamb?**

5286, this number changes month on month as we update to include starters and leavers.

**2). Of those staff employed by Secamb, how many have had covid vaccines? And how many were vaccinated through Secamb, or outside of Secamb?**

3727, 85% out of the full establishment of 4364 in June 2021 completed the initial vaccination programme (both doses). From the total, 20% were vaccinated by our external partner organisations.

**3). Which vaccines have been used? eg Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca etc**

During the initial programme both Pfizer and Oxford AstraZeneca vaccines were used. Internally (SECamb) only Oxford AstraZeneca

**4). Of these vaccines/vaccinated persons, how many and what exact side effects have been reported?**

We did not record any major, life-threatening side-effects.

Common side effects recorded included:

- a sore arm from the injection
- Low grade pyrexia (high temperature)
- feeling tired
- headache
- feeling generally achy
- General Nausea (feeling or being sick)
- Occasional dizziness

**5). How many staff, reported as vaccinated, have since contracted covid after vaccination?**

To date: 210 up until mid-November 2021

**6). Can you please advise me of the approved legal status of any vaccine and if it is experimental?**

All vaccines used within SECamb were approved by the regulatory body Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the advisory body, Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI)

**7). Can you please provide details and assurances that the vaccine has been fully, independently and rigorously tested against control groups and the subsequent outcomes of those tests?**

This is not something SECamb can provide details of as we were not directly involved in any trials.

**8). Can you please advise of the full list of contents of the vaccine I am to receive, if it becomes mandatory, and if any are toxic to the body?**

Still awaiting details as to what vaccines are to be used for those individuals who at the time of writing are yet to be vaccinated.

**9). Can you please fully advise of ALL the adverse reactions associated with this vaccine(s) since its introduction?**

Vaccine side-effects we are aware of are shown above.

**10). Can you please confirm that the vaccine you are advocating is NOT 'experimental mRNA gene altering therapy'?**

It is not for SECamb to advise. The approved vaccines our staff have had access to includes: Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca. The Pfizer Comirnaty is the vaccine we are currently administering through the booster programme.

**11). Can you please confirm that I will not be under any duress from yourselves as my employers, in compliance with the Nuremberg code?**

This is not something for SECamb to comment upon as the details of the proposed legislation is yet to be seen or presented to Parliament. Any queries on this should be directed to the DHSC or the individual's MP.

**12). Can you please advise me of the likely risk of fatality, should I be unfortunate to contract COVID-19 and the likelihood of recovery and any long term issues/side effects or life limiting/life changing effects?**

Each COVID positive case need to be reviewed on a case by case basis. Side effects differ from patient to patient but we do know that COVID-19 symptoms can sometimes persist for months. The virus can damage the lungs, heart and brain, which increases the risk of long-term health problems. Underlying/pre existing health conditions also need to be factored in when assessing each individual.

What we do know is that vaccinated individuals are less likely to require hospitalisation if they contract COVID than those who aren't vaccinated. And for those vaccinated individuals who do require hospitalisation are less likely to require admission to ITU.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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