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REQUEST

This request is for Mersey and West Lancashire

I would like to see the data you sent to the MHRA between 1st Dec 2020 and 31st Dec 2022 regarding Adverse Reactions to the AstraZeneca Covid vaccine. I believe this data was sent on a weekly basis, was broken down by type of reaction and recorded whether there had been any fatalities.

Please let me know if you would like me to clarify anything. If this request takes me over the data limit, please limit my request to the 1st Dec 2020 to 31st Dec 2021 (and to specific months after that if it still takes me over the limit)

RESPONSE

Adverse reactions at the point of vaccination:

- Any adverse reactions to Astra Zeneca or other Covid Vaccinations were entered directly into the patients record on the National point of care systems as per National Protocols.
- In addition, any adverse reactions that occurred at the time of vaccination would also be reported via the online yellow card scheme [Yellow Card | Making medicines and medical devices safer \(mhra.gov.uk\)](https://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)
- The initial point of care system used by STHK was the 'The National Immunisation System' (NIMS) and then in the Autumn of 2022 this changed to the 'National Immunisation and Vaccination System' (NIVS) – we do not have access to the National systems reporting function to provide the data requested, this would need to be requested from NHS England.

Adverse Reactions after the patient left the service:

Any adverse reactions to the vaccines after the patient had left the service would potentially have been made by:

- The patient using the yellow card scheme – information regarding this service was contained in the vaccine leaflets discussed with the patient prior to vaccination.
- Entered into the patients record on the point of care system at a subsequent visit to a vaccination centre, if disclosed by the patient.
- Yellow carded by other professionals if medical assistance was sought following the reaction.
- Entered onto the Patients GP/Hospital record if directly attributed to the vaccine when medical assistance was provided.