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RCOG President  
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Dear Dr Thakar,

**Re: Response to Request for Information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) –**  
**[REDACTED] FOI 20230223**

On behalf of all my professional colleagues who co-signed the letter to the RCOG dated 23 February 2023, asking for clarification and transparency regarding the RCOG position statement on COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy, I wish to express my deep disappointment at the two consecutive responses we were supplied with.

Not only did we not receive any information but we were referred back to the very same documents we expressed our concerns about, which I find most disrespectful.

It is now obvious that the RCOG has no intention in engaging in any kind of discourse on the subject, even though the referenced documents from the college are full of inaccuracies which do not stand up to scientific scrutiny.

It is most unfortunate that it is now clearly documented how the RCOG chooses to ignore and not even acknowledge the concerns brought by over 90 professionals regarding a recommendation that has the potential to cause serious harm in the short- and long-term to the vulnerable population of pregnant mothers and their babies, and with that the next generation.

We will end our attempts at engaging in communication with the RCOG with the notion that the lack of concern and the lack of due diligence in justifying advice to the public regarding this grave matter has been deeply disturbing.

I will leave you with a graph depicting the neonatal death rates in Scotland with 12 months rolling averages and the temporal association with the rollout of COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy (PHS data), and the challenge whether knowing this, you remain able to support COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy without any further investigation.

Yours sincerely,

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(Deaths per 1,000 live births)

