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By email: fyi-request-20470-2b0d6b89@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H2022017041

Tēnā koe Chris

Partial transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which was transferred from Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand (Te Whatu Ora) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 16 November 2022.

Some parts of your request are more closely aligned with the functions of the districts (formerly district health boards), which are now managed by Te Whatu Ora. Specifically:

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How many were of these occurred where the

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- GP of the deceased was attempted to be contacted (2 x minimum) - not contacted so therefore went to the ISMB for input and the case was closed per the flow diagram*
- Signed off by a GP or Health Practitioner and closed or classed as "unexpected or unexplained"*

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- And also - how are the observed deaths picked up?

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" Please provide associated process documents eg

- Person vaccinated*
- MOH follows up to see if person is feeling okay within monitoring period*
- MOH doesn't hear back then what happens*
- MOH contact GP / family?*
- MOH finds out someone has died?*
- GP / friends and family did not know the person was vaccinated in last 21 days so no*

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report is filed and it's assumed natural causes

- Do MoH notify friends / next of kin that the person was vaccinated and they report it to GP / Coroner
 - Or do MOH not disclose and the death is added to observed in monitoring period
- Please provide all steps taken and what is done to pick up observed deaths and the process following.”

For this reason, I have decided to partially transfer these parts of your request to Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. Please accept our apologies for the delay in transferring your request.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, na



Jan Torres

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COPY OF OIA REQUEST

From: fyi-request-20470-2b0d6b89@requests.fyi.org.nz
To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

Original Subject Line: Re: Response to your official information request, ref: H2022011903

Email Body:

Dear OIA Requests,

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Can you also clarify the following

- What is the criteria for a person to be classed as vaccinated? For example there are in excess of 3,000 deaths within the 'Observed' category during the monitoring period. If for example somebody dies within 7 days are these immediately discounted as being from the vaccine due to the person not being defined as vaccinated or are all reports of death after vaccine considered if someone reports?

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Please provide all steps taken and what is done to pick up observed deaths and the process following.

Yours sincerely,

Chris McCashin

-----Original Message-----

Kia ora Chris,

Please find attached a response to your request for information.

Ngā mihi

OIA Services Team

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