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Tēnā koe Matthew

## Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00035268

Thank you for your email on 21 December 2023, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“Please describe what assessment, and by whom, has been made of Barry Young's C-19 vaccine payment database now that TWO has been made aware that it exists, and of any safety signals. In particular, has the ministry performed a time series analysis, as been done of the anonymised data elsewhere, and what did it show? Does there appear to be variation in mortality by batch? How does the batch numbering system in the the database relate to the Pfizer batch numbers on import?  
Please supply all communications relating to the above data release.”*

## Response

As you may be aware, Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora has made a number of statements on this issue, which may be of use answering some of your queries:

- 1 December 2023 - [www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/whats-happening/news-and-updates/reminder-of-vaccine-safety-and-effectiveness-following-release-of-misinformation/](http://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/whats-happening/news-and-updates/reminder-of-vaccine-safety-and-effectiveness-following-release-of-misinformation/)
- 3 December 2023 - [www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/whats-happening/news-and-updates/investigation-ongoing-into-release-of-data-and-spread-of-misinformation/](http://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/whats-happening/news-and-updates/investigation-ongoing-into-release-of-data-and-spread-of-misinformation/)
- 8 December 2023 - [www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/whats-happening/news-and-updates/update-unauthorised-data-breach-and-attempt-to-spread-misinformation/](http://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/whats-happening/news-and-updates/update-unauthorised-data-breach-and-attempt-to-spread-misinformation/)
- 22 December 2023/updated 16 January 2024 - [www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/our-health-system/data-and-statistics/data-breaches/unauthorised-data-breach-and-attempt-to-spread-misinformation/](http://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/our-health-system/data-and-statistics/data-breaches/unauthorised-data-breach-and-attempt-to-spread-misinformation/).

As has been made clear in these statements and our other messaging on the wider issue, vaccination is safe and effective and everyone should keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect themselves, their whānau and their communities.

The statistical or other analysis you request is not held by Te Whatu Ora and we have no grounds for believing such information is held by another public entity. For this reason, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

Regarding any analysis, you may be aware that orders were made by the Employment Relations Authority (ERA) on 1 December 2023 in relation to this matter. The Orders prevent all access, use, and publication of information held by Te Whatu Ora on the National Vaccination Database, or any copies, extracts or information derived from it. In addition, there is no requirement under the Act for agencies to create new information, compile information they do not hold, or provide or prove an opinion when responding to a request.

I apologise for the delay in providing our response. The time taken is not what we aspire to. This is something we are working to get on top of as we deal with a high volume of requests and the understandably high public interest in our work.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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