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Tēnā koe Chuck

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 26 October 2021 for:

"Can you please provide any and all documentation to health officials/government representatives from any and all of the agencies directing New Zealand on how we are to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I am specifically looking for correspondence that includes the following

Multi System Inflammatory Syndrome or MIS-C

Any and all talking points and the directive that this is due to Covid-19 the virus in children"

Information within scope of this request is itemised in Appendix 1 of this letter and copies of the documents are enclosed. The table in Appendix 1 outlines the grounds under which I have decided to withhold information. Where information is withheld, this is noted in the document itself.

I trust this information fulfils 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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

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Appendix 1: Documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	6 July 2021	Request for Advice	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act, to protect the persons involved from improper pressure and harrasment
2	13 July 2021	Minutes: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group	Released with some information deemed out of scope.
3	13 July 2021	Minutes: COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group	