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Tēnā koe Levi

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 12 April 2023 for information regarding COVID-19 vaccine adverse events following immunisation (AEFI) reports. Each part of your request is responded to below.

*Can you please explain why there has not been a COVID-19 'Adverse Event Following Immunization' report released on the medsafe website since 30 November 2022*  
*Can you please advise when the next Covid-19 vaccine AEFI report will be released*

The COVID-19 vaccine adverse event following immunisation reports were produced in conjunction with the national COVID-19 immunisation programme. Since the pandemic immunisation response has started reverting back to the non-pandemic immunisation programme, so has the safety reporting. Therefore, no further reports will be produced and published. The data will be moved to the Suspected Medicine Adverse Reaction Search (SMARS) database with all other medicines in use in New Zealand. The database can be found at: [www.medsafe.govt.nz/Projects/B1/ADRDisclaimer.asp](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/Projects/B1/ADRDisclaimer.asp).

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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