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Tēnā koe Chris

Request for information: COVID-19 vaccines

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), which was partially transferred to Pharmac by Health New Zealand on 18 July 2024. You requested:

Any memos, formal / informal, communications discussing excess deaths and potentially taking the Pfizer vaccine out of circulation (note Astrazeneca is no longer available) which functions the same as the Pfizer vaccine.

I have not identified any correspondence or documents within scope of your request. Therefore your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

While not in scope of your request, you may be interested in this record of the Immunisation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 March 2024 where COVID-19 vaccines were discussed:

<https://pharmac.govt.nz/assets/2024-03-26-Immunisation-Advisory-Committee-Record.pdf>

We trust that this information answers your queries. Please note, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about our response to your OIA, under section 28(3) of the OIA. Details of [how to make a complaint](#) are on the Ombudsman's website.

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Nāku noa, nā



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