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Tēnā koe Chris

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00054507

Thank you for your email on 1 July 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Can you please provide a count of the number of people vaccinated against COVID19 funded by the government of NZ and those who subsequently died of any cause - as measured by MoH record level patient or payment databases.

1) This OIA asks for repeat run of Ticket Reference RT-268 with a revised date range so that updated numbers can be made available to the public. Please provide this as a machine readable CSV or Excel file.

2) For reference, my understanding of the columns provided in the previous OIA are described below. Where there is any conflict please provide a re-run of the previous RT-268 dataset and identify where I have misunderstood what Health NZ are supplying.

The following breakdown of each column is required:

Col1) Month of Death - from the first vaccination until the end of June 2024

Col2) Age Band of Patient – 0-20 inclusive, 21-40 inclusive, 41-60 inclusive, 61-80 inclusive, 81-100 inclusive, 101+

Col3) Last COVID-19 dose number (eg 0, 1=1st, 2=2nd, 3=1st booster, 4=2nd booster etc) using a coding scheme used within the MoH

Col4) Days between last vaccination and death – N/A where Last COVID-19 dose number is 0, else each of the following categories should be calculated from the date of the patient's most recent vaccine: <30 days inclusive, 31 days-90 days inclusive, 91-180 days, 181 days to 365 days, 366 days to 730 days inclusive, 731 to 1095 days inclusive, over 1096 days inclusive.

Col5) Count of people matching (when Grouping on) the above 4 columns This OIA does not seek any personal or commercial information about patients or suppliers. Where a cell count is less than 5 please mark as “S”. Where a cell count is truly zero please mark this as such in the dataset.

3) In the Summary tab of RT-268 there is a 3rd Note/Comment in the Summary tab. Please provide a definition for the “Health Service User population - it includes deaths of people (within the requested time period) who interacted with the NZ Health Service.” Specifically what counts as an “interaction with the NZ Health Service”. Health NZ may find it easier to provide a succinct answer in terms of the databases queried or the services included/excluded (eg an extract of a table of codes and descriptions for the databases queried).

4) Please provide a simple count of the number of COVID vaccination records in the Pay per Dose system as at the end of June 2024.

5) If this query cannot be easily rerun please provide:

- a) A reason why this capability has been deprecated within Health NZ since the last request and
b) Your confirmation that the dataset will be supplied based upon Health NZ's new capabilities/infrastructure."

Response

Please find attached, **HNZ00054507 Appendix RT-670 Covid Deaths**, in response to your request.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz.

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 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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