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Tēnā koe Erika

### Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00076470

Thank you for your email of 16 January 2025, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Can you please provide in a machine readable CSV/Excel file, a count of the number of people unvaccinated 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.*

*OIA1a) This OIA asks for repeat run of Ticket Reference RT-670 - with a revised date range and one age group boundary change - so that updated numbers can be made available to the public. My understanding is that this comes from the Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR).*

*OIA1b) For reference, a definition of the columns required are described below. The following breakdown of each column is required:*

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

*Col2) Age Band of Patient – 0-20 inclusive, 21-40 inclusive, 41-60 inclusive, 61-80 inclusive, 81-99 inclusive, 100+ . [NOTE the small change to the 81-99, and 100+ categories]*

*Col3) Count of people matching (when Grouping on) the above columns*

*This OIA does not seek any personal or commercial information about patients or suppliers. Where a cell count is less than 6 please mark as "S". Where a cell count is truly zero please mark this as such in the dataset.*

*A Reasonable OIA with Precedent: This OIA should be possible by using simple queries on the entire datasets of COVID Vax Pay per Dose and National Minimum Dataset of Hospital data - matched using the NHI number.*

*This OIA does not ask for the creation of any information, just a rerun of a previous request which aggregates a data set the MoH already collects as a normal course of its business.*

*I am a NZ citizen, resident and taxpayer and am entitled to use the OIA.*

*Please raise any questions ASAP and do not leave it until near the end of the 20 working day period to respond.*

## Response

The requested data is attached as **Appendix One**. For important information about the data, please refer to the 'Cover Sheet' page of the appendix. Counts fewer than six (denoted as "<6") have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect privacy of individuals.

In making this decision, I have considered the public interest and determined that it does not outweigh the need to withhold.

## How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@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](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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