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Tēnā koe Alison

Your request for official information, reference: HN200202118

Thank you for your email on 30 March 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

In the 2021-2022 PVSC (Post Vaccine Symptom Check) report that is published on the Health NZ website it says: "The information presented below is limited to those aged 18 years and older that were vaccinated with the Comirnaty COVID-19 adult vaccine and participated in the 2021-2022 Comirnaty COVID-19 adult PVSC survey."

Please can you clarify if vaccine recipients between ages 12 and 18 were sent text messages for the PVSC surveys in 2021 and 2022? I appreciate that the reports say 'the information presented below is limited to those age 18 years and older' but I want to understand whether information was gathered from young people in that age range and not reported on, or whether the information was not gathered in the first place. Please provide the same information for 2023 and 2024.

Response

Post Vaccine Symptom Check (PVSC) surveys were limited to individuals aged 18 years and over. People aged 12-17 years were not sent PVSC survey invitations, and no PVSC data was collected for that age group in 2021-2024. In 2022, there was a survey dedicated to collecting information from the guardians of 5-11-year-olds who had received the Comirnaty COVID-19 paediatric vaccine. The results of this survey are publicly available, here:

www.tewhaturora.govt.nz/assets/Health-services-and-programmes/Immunisation/Report-2-2022-Paediatric-PVSC-Final.pdf.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhaturora.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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