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Tēnā koe Alison

## Your request for official information, reference: HN200202363

Thank you for your email on 6 April 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*1. OIA response HN200087067 dated 22 May 2025 advised that “Health NZ plans to process and publish the full results [of the 2024 XBB PVSC survey] at the end of this year.” The results do not appear to be on the HN2 website which was last updated 15 Jan 2025. Please provide the final report for the 2024 survey. If it is not yet complete, please provide draft versions of the report including results from both the day 3 and day 42 surveys.*

*2. In the 2023 Post Vaccine Symptom Check (PVSC) survey, participants who completed a follow up survey at Day 42 were asked if they had been diagnosed by a medical professional with any of the following:*

*Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS)*

*Bell’s palsy*

*Neuritis or Neuropathy*

*Other neurological condition*

*Seizures*

*Febrile seizures*

*Myocarditis*

*Pericarditis*

*Other heart issues*

*Blood vessel issues*

*Blood and lymphatic system disorders*

*Immune system disorders*

*Anaphylaxis*

*Cellulitis*

*Diagnosis of other conditions – [please explain] No, I have not been diagnosed with a rare condition*

*Please provide the numbers of respondents who indicated they had been diagnosed with each of these conditions.*

*Please provide the number of people who were asked this question.*

*Please provide the number of people who responded to this question.*

## Response

Work relating to the Post-Vaccine Symptom Check survey (PVSC) was halted and the team that had ownership of this portfolio of work is no longer operational. This is primarily due to broader organisational restructuring and resourcing pressures.

Given this, the final report for the 2024 PVSC has not been completed and no draft reports exist, the information requested in question 1 is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as it does not exist.

The results of the 2023 PVSC follow-up survey (day 42) are also unavailable. Any raw data that may have been collected was not organised, collated, analysed, or quality-assured before the cessation of the work. Further, any data, if still held, sits within a system that is no longer accessible to Health NZ staff who conducted this work. Responding to question 2 would therefore require analysis and compilation of information that does not currently exist in the format requested. The information requested is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as information would need to be created in order to provide what has been asked for.

All available information regarding the 2023 and 2024 PVSC surveys has been published on the Health NZ website: [www.healthnz.govt.nz/about-us/health-data/data-sets-and-collections/immunisation-data-and-statistics/post-vaccine-symptom-check-survey-reports](http://www.healthnz.govt.nz/about-us/health-data/data-sets-and-collections/immunisation-data-and-statistics/post-vaccine-symptom-check-survey-reports).

Responsibility for ensuring the safety of vaccines and other medicines, and for monitoring adverse events following immunisation (AEFI) sits with Medsafe. For reported suspected adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines, please refer to the Suspected Medicine Adverse Reaction Search (SMARS). Instructions regarding how to search SMARS are available on their website at [www.medsafe.govt.nz/Projects/B1/HelpSearch.htm](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz/Projects/B1/HelpSearch.htm). You can also submit a request for information to Medsafe via [oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz).

## How to get in touch

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