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Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

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Tēnā koe Alison

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00202926

Thank you for your request, which was transferred from the Ministry of Health to Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora on 21 April 2026, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

A recent post on X by Dr David Gollogly states: "My College [Royal New Zealand College of Urgent Care (RNZCUC)] raised this myocarditis risk with the MoH around September 2021, some months before the TAG advice. Their response was: no change, so as not to fuel vaccine hesitancy. We negotiated that it would be okay for our doctors to advise young males to rest after vaccination."

Please provide all communications between the Ministry of Health and/or other health system officials or organisations and the RNZCUC and/or its members, pertaining to myocarditis risk, and communications about the risk, for covid vaccinees in 2021. Please provide communications by all channels including, but not limited to, emails, text messages, messages via other messaging apps, memos, phone calls if noted, recorded or transcribed etc

Response

The information requested is attached as Appendix 1. Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect privacy. In making this decision, we have considered the public interest in release and determined that it does not outweigh the need to withhold. In other instances, information deemed outside the scope of your request has been removed.

Further, as part of its review of COVID-19 vaccine safety, Phase 2 of the Royal Commission of Inquiry reported closely on the processes undertaken by Medsafe and the wider Ministry of Health to investigate and communicate the risk of myocarditis since it first became aware of its potential in early 2021. Section 2.1.7 of the report covers this issue and is available online at www.covid19lessons.royalcommission.nz/reports-lessons-learned/main-report-phase-2/part-2-key-decisions-our-assessments-and-findings/2-1-vaccine-safety-and-approvals.

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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