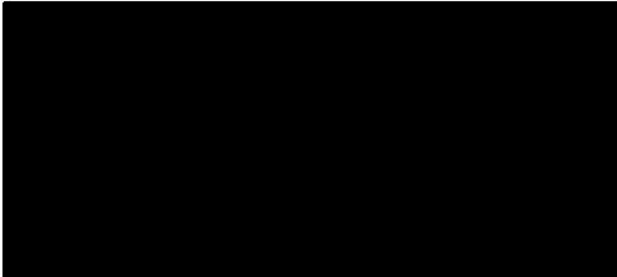


4 June 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – HPV vaccine in schools

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 3 May 2021 to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and partial transfer from MoH to Auckland DHB on 7 May 2021 requesting the following information:

1. I wondered if I could request some information regarding the HPV vaccine in schools?
2. How many schools are part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ.
3. How many schools are not part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ? Which ones?

By reconciling schools participating in the HPV vaccine with the intermediate schools listed on the Ministry of Education website we have found four small private schools who are currently not participating. This is because we had not previously had communication with them, or they have a valid reason not to participate. In these circumstances they are not 'refusing to work' with ADHB and we have determined not to release the names to avoid prejudice to a public health programme – s9(2)(ba) OIA, and to protect the commercial interest of these schools – s9(2)(b)(ii) OIA.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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