

22 May 2020

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By email: [Redacted]

Ref: H202002810

Dear [Redacted]

### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) which was transferred from the office of the Minister of Health to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 1 May 2020 for:

*"Can you please find out for me if the people who officially died of Covid19 had a flu jab in the last six months. That must be easily attainable as they all had long records with some medical outfit."*

The Ministry does not hold this information as it has not been recorded or reported on. For this reason, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by the Ministry or another agency subject to the Act.

For context, flu immunisation data and COVID-19 data are held in separate systems that cannot interface. To provide this information would involve sharing patient-identifiable information across Ministry directorates and cross-referencing this with the information in the National Immunisation Register.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse your request.

Yours sincerely



Natalie Richardson  
**Director**  
**COVID-19 Response**