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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 14 December 2022 for information regarding COVID-19 vaccine efficacy. You requested:

> *Please provide a list of all of the "Benefits" associated with the vaccine that outweigh the risks of potential death from the vaccine to include information associated with various age groups, at risk groups, ability of jab to stop transmission, alternative treatments, long term data for medicines with emergency use and anything that would be considered a benefit that outweighs the risk of sudden death*

The indication for use (benefit) of a medicine is listed in the vaccine data sheet. Information concerning efficacy can be found from page 10 onwards at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/profs/Datasheet/c/comirnaty0.3mlGreyCapinj.pdf.

An overview of benefit versus risk assessment is publicly available at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/consumers/safety-of-medicines/medsafe-evaluation-process.asp.

Extensive information concerning the Pfizer vaccine can also be found in this previous OIA response at: www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/information-release/h202106950-_response.pdf

> *Can you also provide a list of all of the countries that the Ministry of Health is aware of who have stopped vaccination in various groups, eg young, healthy and the justification associated*

The Ministry does not compile this information. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Manatū Hauora and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act.

Please also provide a list of all of the approved vaccines / medicines that have knowingly killed one or more people since 2010. If you can provide the following
Name of Medicine
Manufacturer
Number of Deaths
Dates of Deaths
Removed from Use - Yes or No
Reporting Associated with the Removal of Deaths
Amount of money given annually to Medsafe by the drug manufacturer since 2010

Medsafe collects information about adverse reactions to medicines through the Centre for Adverse Reaction Monitoring (CARM). You can find more information about CARM on their website: https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/carm/.

You can also find information about Suspected Medicine Adverse Reactions at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/Projects/B1/ADRSearch.asp

If a safety concern with a medicine is raised, Medsafe may issue a safety communication or a product recall. You can find more information about Medsafe's medicine safety and quality activities at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/safety/safety-landing.asp.

An archive of safety communications can be found on the Medsafe website: www.medsafe.govt.nz/safety/AlertsArchive.asp.

Information about fees paid to Medsafe can be found at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/fees.asp

Please also provide a list of all Medicines that currently have or have had an "emergency" use authorisation since 2000.
Name of Medicine
Date of Emergency Use
Length of Approval
If there are not medicines approved for emergency use since 2000 can you provide a list of all of the Medicines that have been given emergency use in New Zealand."

The status of all medicines in New Zealand can be viewed by using the product application search on Medsafe's website at: www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/DbSearch.asp. To search for medicines that have been granted provisional consent under section 23(1) of the Medicines Act 1981, select "Provisional Consent (Section 23)" as the type.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

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