

16 March 2022

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RE: Official Information Act 1982 request

Tēnā koe

On 13 February 2021 you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. What data was requested in the correspondence to MoH and Medsafe relating to spike protein in SARS-CoV-2 and the genetically engineered product being injected into young people?*
- 2. What information did you receive from MoH and Medsafe that convinced you of the safety of the so-called vaccine?*
- 3. Were any data from UK Office of National Statistics or the Defence Medical Epidemiological Database of the Department of Defence forwarded to you?*

Please see below for the requested information:

1. Please see the OIA release on our website: OIA request asking the Children's Commissioner to 'comment on vaccine side effects in children' - <https://www.occ.org.nz/publications/oia/oia-request-vaccine/>. This OIA release contains all emails between the Children's Commissioner and any health agency or government agency, that discusses commentary on the vaccine.
2. These are outlined in the above OIA response. In particular, a Centre for Disease Control report published (COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Children Aged 5–11 Years - <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/pdfs/mm705152a1-H.pdf>) was analysed and found insufficient concerns related to side effects to warrant preventing vaccination. The Office of the Children's Commissioner stands by its

previously stated position in support of vaccinating mokopuna when they or their whānau want it.

3. The Office of the Children's Commissioner has not been forwarded any data from the UK Office of National Statistics or the Defence Medical Epidemiological Database of the Department of Defence. If any research undertaken by staff at the office included these sources, they have not been recorded. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under Section 18(e) of the Act as the document containing the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact our office via email at children@occ.org.nz.

Ngā mihi,

Aida Rima

Executive Assistant

Te Tari o te Kaikōmihana mō ngā Tamariki
Office of the Children's Commissioner