

2 July 2021

Paul Jones

By email: fyi-request-15758-113fd740@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202107100

Dear Paul Jones

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 11 June for information relating to the Medsafe COVID 19 weekly safety report #10.

You specifically requested:

1) Would you provide redacted copies of the CARM report for those two cases which first removals all personally identifiable information from these reports.

Medsafe has published line listings of all cases reported to Covid CARM, which includes month of vaccination, age, gender, dose number and preferred medical terms, providing any further information could put privacy at risk.

2) Provide the reasoning CARM and Medsafe have determined the deaths not to be caused by the "administration of Comirnaty".

The two elderly individuals had many co-morbidities before they received their vaccination, which were found to be the likely cause of death.

3) Provide a definition of what "administration" means with respect to (2).

The Comirnaty vaccine is administered via the intramuscular route by means of a syringe and the content of the vaccine deposited into vascular muscle tissue, which is preferably done in the left or right deltoid.

4) Does the definition of "administration" include a restriction to a specific time frame, eg: from time from injection until 20 minutes after?

The definition administration does not include a time frame.

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 Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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