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Subject: IN CONFIDENCE: Covid19 Vaccination in Children & CVTAG
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Hi Kathleen

Good to talk with you this afternoon. We are very anxious to reassure the Commissioner that the efficacy and safety of the Pfizer vaccines in adults and children has been carefully considered and has a robust scientific underpinning. Note that the Cabinet has yet to consider any decision to use the Pfizer vaccine in 12-15 yo people. That will likely occur in early August.

We have received quite a lot of material /correspondence from concerned medical practitioners and this commentary may assist in seeing where the science sits at present.

Please do offer a briefing for Judge Becroft if that would assist

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From: Kathleen Logan
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Subject: Covid19 Vaccination in Children & CVTAG

Tēnā koe Prof Town,

The Children's Commissioner is receiving correspondence relating to unwarranted, potential harmful effects of Covid19 vaccination of children. Given the low prevalence of illness in children (and what illness there is can be treated with existing medicines), they are concerned about adverse effects of the Covid spike protein expression on cardiovascular systems, mainly, with risk of death being unwarranted risk to children, not to mention the unknown risks due to short time of trials.

It is our job to advocate for children's health. We depend on experts to assist us and advise us.

I understand you convene the COVID-19 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group (**CVTAG**)

We would be grateful if you could please include the **Children's Commissioner** in communications from that group on issues pertaining to vaccination of children.

[You can send directly to Judge Becroft Andrew.Becroft@occ.org.nz, or to me, as I am responsible for working on this topic.]

We would like to ensure we support the Health Ministry's official messaging, while we advocate for the best interests of children.

Ngā mihi nui,

Dr Kathleen Logan

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