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Tēnā koe Phillipa

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 1 October 2021 asking, *“how many women aged 15 to 20 die per year where the cause is attributed to the contraceptive pill?”*

Mortality data is coded using the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems. Within this classification, there is a code Y42.4 *Oral contraceptives causing adverse effects in therapeutic use*. From 2000 to 2018 there were no deaths in New Zealand where this was recorded as the underlying cause of death.

I trust this satisfies 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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