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Tēnā koe Stacey

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-014845

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *I wish to request information if compensation payments are made to families who have had loved ones suffer a major reaction from the Covid Vaccination.*
2. *Are compensation payments made to families who have had loved ones die as a result of the Covid Vaccination - or die shortly after the Covid Vaccination?*
3. *If so - can you please share this amount with the public.*

ACC cover for treatment injuries related to the COVID-19 vaccine

A physical injury resulting from the COVID-19 vaccine may be covered by ACC if the criteria for treatment injury are met. The following outlines how we assess applications for cover for treatment injuries:

1. Determine whether the client has suffered a personal injury.
2. Assess whether the personal injury occurred within the context of treatment by or at the direction of a registered health professional.
3. Determine if there is a direct causal link between the treatment (ie, in these circumstances, the vaccination) and the personal injury.
4. Determine whether the injury was a necessary part or ordinary consequence of treatment.

As at 16 November 2021, no claims for fatalities in relation to the COVID-19 vaccination had been lodged with ACC.

Necessary Part or Ordinary Consequence of Treatment Policy

The attached document titled *Necessary Part of Ordinary Consequence of Treatment Policy* is used when assessing a treatment injury claim to help determine whether the injury suffered by a client was a necessary part or ordinary consequence of the treatment provided.

For further information about ACC cover for treatment injuries, please refer to section 32 of the Accident Compensation Act 2001 (the AC Act), [here](#).

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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