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Tēnā koe Mr McCashin

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2022 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *That isn't the information that I requested. Of the 1,937 that have been vaccinated. How many have passed away anytime since. I understand there is at least one with the 7 year old that died in Wairoa. Please provide the information I have requested. Please separate these out into:*
  - *1,937*
  - *Number of Deaths - ?*
  - *Died - Medical event or Other*

Of the 1,937 children and young people in Oranga Tamariki care that have been vaccinated, one child or young person has passed away. While we cannot comment on the circumstances around this death in any detail, we can confirm deaths of children in care most commonly relate to health and disability issues. We can further confirm this death was unrelated to the vaccination. We can also confirm that this is not the tamaiti you refer to in your request who died in Wairoa. The death of any tamaiti is a tragedy and, where a tamaiti in care dies, we are dedicated to understanding what lessons can be learned to prevent it happening again.

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this letter on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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