

Vaccine Significant Service Disruption Panel

Meeting Minutes

Date:	Sunday 14 November 2021
Venue:	Teams Meeting
Time:	2.30 - 3.45 pm
Member:	S9(2)(g)(ii)
Support:	S9(2)(g)(ii) Ministry of Health - Director, National Contracts, CVIP S9(2)(g)(ii) Ministry of Health - Delivery Lead, Vaccine Order, CVIP
Secretariat:	S9(2)(g)(ii) Ministry of Health

Minutes	
<u>Application Summary</u>	
<p>A lot of applications are claiming allergies or health condition. Is there any crossover of medical exemption process? We can ask them to consider this process as part of their decline notification.</p> <p>Noted that if you have medical exemption, you still have to have a conversation with your employer, because they still have to follow H&S act.</p> <p>A number are saying that they are willing to have Novavax instead. Noted that this is not registered in NZ or with our international partner regulators. Novavax is not currently being assessed by MedSafe.</p> <p>AstraZeneca will be available later this month. We have 100,000 doses – it’s a double dose. Will not be available for every vaccination site.</p> <p>Noted that DHBs who have staff wanting AstraZeneca, are standing the staff down until they have their AstraZeneca vaccination.</p> <p>Discussion about granting exceptions until Astra Zeneca is available, if people are granted exemptions they could continue to work until that time but will still have to comply with H&S. Will need some sort of guarantee that they follow through.</p> <p>Important to consider as part of application review whether the community would be unduly harmed by declining an application.</p> <p>67 applications reviewed and unanimous agreement by all members of the panel on recommendations.</p>	
<u>Next steps</u>	
AP – for future applications, set up separate folders and group applications by reason. DONE	

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AP – Share template and standard answers with Ministry of Education.
 AP – add in letter a suggestion that they engage with their funder.
 AP – check for consistency in letter responses where we are providing further advice, e.g. mention of Medical Exemption process. DONE
 AP – Draft decline letter
 AP – Complete checklist forms for all 67 applications
 AP – Covering Memo to Ashley and attach spreadsheet of application details

Actions

Item	Action	Lead	Status	Due Date
AP001	Can we get clarity of when AstraZeneca is on line.	S9(2)(g)(ii)	Open	
AP002	Ashley to formally advise panel employers of their participation in this process.		Open	
AP003	Panel members to advise their employers of their involvement in this process.		Open	
AP004	Draft a decision making matrix to support the panel.		Open	
AP005	Share template and standard answers with Ministry of Education.		Open	
AP006	Add in letter a suggestion that they engage with their funder.		Open	
AP007	Check for consistency in letter responses where we are providing further advice, e.g. mention of Medical Exemption process.		Closed	
AP008	For future applications, set up separate folders and group applications by reason.		Closed	
AP009	Draft decline letter		Open	
AP010	Complete checklist forms for all 67 applications		Open	
AP011	Covering Memo to Ashley and attach spreadsheet of application details		Open	