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Tēnā koe Chris

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00067437

Thank you for your email on 24 September 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"This isn't good enough

Please provide Health NZ definition of "Misinformation" and how the data that Barry young has released is "misinformation"

It wouldn't be difficult if you weren't trying to hide something

I have asked for the caveat as to how this is misinformation and you guys can't respond

You just say it is "misinformation" despite children having strokes and cardiac arrests

Can you please provide contact details as to who is in charge so I can arrange a meeting or send me a contact number so I can discuss this directly

As I said you have all the information and are now and have been for the last twelve months knowingly killing kiwis"

Response

While the Official Information Act allows New Zealanders to ask for information from Ministers and public sector agencies, there is no requirement for agencies to create new information, compile information they do not hold, or provide or prove an opinion.

Your question(s) and the statements that support them appear designed to engage in a debate about COVID-19 vaccination, rather than a request for official information. The Act does not support requests where an opinion, comment, argument, or statement is put to Health NZ for response, couched as a request for information. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(g) on the grounds that the information requested is not held by Health NZ.

Health NZ is not obliged to meet with you or speak to you by telephone regarding this matter and declines to do so.

If you are not satisfied with our response you are entitled to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhaturora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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