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Tēnā koe Erika

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 11 July 2024. You requested:

I am after a copy of a report that is mentioned in the "Science and Insights" publication with the title "Covid-19 Delta Variant Secondary attack rates August-October 2021", "IT-4" dated 19 October 2021.

I am unable to locate this "vaccine effectiveness" report on your website. Would you kindly share a copy of this 2021 "vaccine effectiveness" report which uses the data from The National Contact Tracing Solution (NCTS)?

The Ministry can confirm that the vaccine effectiveness report you refer to does not exist and was not performed as it was not a priority at the time. There is no requirement under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for agencies to create new information, provide an opinion or compile information that is not part of the usual reporting process. As such, your request for this information is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

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 Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

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