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Tēnā koe ASE

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00076138

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2025, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am seeking information regarding all data currently and previously held by the Ministry of Health that has been used, or can be used, or could have been used, to directly compare morbidity and mortality between two groups of people:

- 1- *Those who have received one or more “covid vaccines”, and*
- 2- *Those who have not received any “covid vaccines”*

Response

Please see table below showing mortality data for COVID-19 unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals with a cardiovascular disease hospital admission history. The below data is the only information we hold that could have been used to compare morbidity and all-cause mortality following COVID-19 vaccination. However, there has been no further work to ascertain a link on whether the vaccine contributed to the deaths.

Comirnaty mRNA vaccinated	Cohort size	Deaths
No	32,852	2,296
Yes	27,400	1,306

Notes:

- **Comirnaty mRNA vaccinated:** Indicates vaccination status (Yes/No) of the two cohorts.
- **Cohort size:** Total number of individuals included in each cohort.
- **Deaths:** Number of deaths due to all causes observed in each cohort during the period between 1 January 2021 and 31 January 2022.

The table summarizes mortality data for two cohorts: (1) unvaccinated and (2) Comirnaty mRNA vaccinated individuals with a public hospital admission for myocardial infarction, heart failure, and/or all other cardiovascular diseases and discharged to a home setting in 2021. All individuals were 11+ years of age. Unvaccinated individuals were followed from their latest hospital discharge date up until their death, the end of the period (31 January 2022) or the date of their first vaccination (whichever comes first).

For further information regarding mortality, including risk ratios following COVID-19 vaccination, please refer to tables 6, 7 and 8 on the Medsafe website at www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/safety-report-46.asp. Please note, these figures do not compare individuals with morbidities.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.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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