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Your request for Official information, reference: HN20027473

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Health, which was partially transferred to Te Whatu Ora on 16 September 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“2) Please also include information to show all communications between any representative of the NZ government and Pfizer about:

a) the protocol for ensuring Pfizer was informed of any post vaccine deaths or serious adverse effects

The Vaccine Safety, Surveillance and Research team (VSSR, formerly known as the “Post-Event team”) within the National Immunisation Programme, has no written documentation on a protocol for sharing information with Pfizer. It was an informal agreement that communication about serious adverse events and safety signals would occur via a secured Microsoft Teams channel.

b) the protocol for obtaining information from Pfizer about new categories of risk and how these would be communicated to the DG, health practitioners and vaccinators”

As above, information obtained from Pfizer occurred via Microsoft Teams and no written protocol existed.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@health.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, Te Whatu Ora 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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