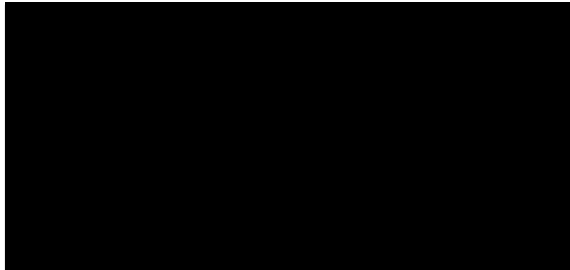


18 November 2019



Re: Official Information Act request - Medical records status MMR vaccination

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 31 October 2019 requesting the following information.

Regarding the MMR vaccination of 6-11mth babies and drop in clinics (now including pharmacies). Appointment free vaccinations etc.

- 1. How are medical records being updated with the vaccination status under the circumstances where people can just turn up at locations which are not their primary physician's clinic and so forth. How is the data being captured, and then updated to the individuals record**

The data for individual's vaccination records is captured in the National Immunisation Register (NIR). With an individual's permission the NIR can be accessed and the vaccination history checked before providing vaccination. The delivery of a vaccination event is entered onto the NIR by the health care provider. This may be primary care, hospital staff, pharmacy staff or drop-in clinic staff. Primary care are able to access the NIR and view vaccines delivered elsewhere.

- 2. Do the drop in clinics have emergency service providers and equipment available in case of adverse reaction to the vaccine**

Yes emergency resuscitation equipment is a requirement of authorised vaccinators including pharmacist vaccinators and in drop-in clinics. This requirement is part of the Immunisation Standards detailed in section 2.3.3 *Anaphylaxis and Emergency Management* and section A3.3, Standard 3 *The vaccinator provides safe immunisation* in the National Immunisation Handbook: <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/immunisation-handbook-2017>

3. How is MMRO being reported to the regional and national agencies for each injection administered

As noted in Question 1 vaccination events are recorded on the NIR. Vaccination of babies 6-11 months (called Measles Mumps and Rubella zero or MMRO) is recorded on the NIR as an additional dose of vaccine. This is to ensure that the child is recalled for their scheduled vaccination events (in Auckland currently at 12 months and 4 years) which are still required.

Uptake of the number of doses of MMRO delivered is being monitored both regionally and nationally, at an aggregate level.

4. Are parents being informed that administration of MMR to babies in the 6-11mth cohort is classified as UNAPPROVED INDICATION (unlicensed because it is untested in clinical trials) for administration the 6-11mth age bracket

As part of standard informed consent parents are informed of the benefits and risks of vaccination. This is required under Standard 2 of the Immunisation Standards:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/immunisation-handbook-2017>

The formulation of vaccine recently received into New Zealand to enable the offer of MMRO to parents is MMRII, and is licenced for babies aged 6-11 months in the setting of an outbreak.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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