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Re: Official Information Act (OIA) request – HPV Gardasil Vaccine

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 12 April 2021 to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and transferred from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 30 April 2021 requesting the following information on **how many schools, intermediate and secondary schools, are currently refusing to work with the Ministry of Health on this school-based immunisation programme for the HPV Gardasil vaccine, and could I get a list of the names of these schools who are currently not working alongside the Ministry of Health with this programme.**"

By reconciling schools participating in the HPV Gardasil vaccine with the intermediate schools listed on the Ministry of Education website we have found four small private schools who are currently not participating. This is because we had not previously known they existed, or they have a valid reason not to participate. In these circumstances they are not 'refusing to work' with ADHB and we have determined not to release the names to avoid prejudice to a public health programme – s9(2)(ba) OIA, and to protect the commercial interest of these schools – s9(2)(b)(ii) OIA.

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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