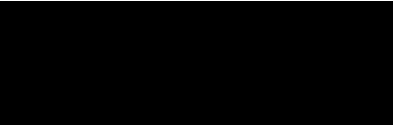




19 September 2019



Dear 

Re: OIA request – HPV vaccine outcomes

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Ministry of Health seeking information on HPV vaccine outcomes.

On 11 September 2019, the Ministry of Health formally transferred the first part of your request to Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) in accordance with section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982. Specifically:

1. *The number of schools offering the vaccine over the past ten years*
2. *The number of women who received the vaccine in schools over the past ten years.*
3. *The number of women who received the vaccine outside of schools over the past ten years.*

Waitematā DHB cares for the largest patient population of any DHB in New Zealand, currently standing at just over 630,000 people.

The DHB offers the provision of a school-based HPV vaccination programme to all schools within the Waitematā catchment area. This year, there are approximately 8,500 Year 8 students (boys and girls) eligible to participate in the programme. The programme is provided in schools by public health nurses employed by the DHB.

At present, there are only four schools within the DHB's catchment area which have declined to participate in the programme.

As requested, the number of schools where the vaccine is provided is detailed in the table below. Please note: we have been unable to provide information for the last 10 years, as reliable data is only available since the DHB implemented the School-Based Vaccination System in 2015.

Year	Number of participating schools
2015	76
2016	76
2017	71 ¹
2018	69
2019	69

¹ The reduction in number of participating schools reflects changes in school structures. For example, some smaller schools closed and some full primary schools (with students from Year 1 to Year 8), stopped offering enrolments to Year 7 and 8 students, so no longer had eligible students enrolled.

In regards to your query regarding coverage rates for the past 10-years, the table below details the number of female students who received both doses of the vaccine per calendar year since 2015. Please note: information prior to 2015 has not been able to be provided, as the only data available is based on the number of girls vaccinated by their birth cohort rather than year that they received the vaccine.

Also, please note the information provided is the total of female students who received the vaccine across all settings. At present, there is no reporting available to determine if a vaccine was administered at school or in another setting (such as primary care). However, experience to-date indicates that the majority of students receive the vaccine as part of the school-based programme. It is thought that less than 5% of students have the vaccine delivered by their general practitioner.

Year	Female students vaccinated (n)
2015	1,743
2016	1,699
2017	1,972
2018	1,936

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitematā DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare.

This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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