



26 May 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – HPV Gardasil vaccine in schools

Thank you for your Official Information Act request transferred from the Ministry of Health on 30 April 2021 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about the provision of HPV Gardasil vaccine in schools.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,600 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

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.

Waitematā DHB's Child and Family Service offers the HPV Gardasil vaccine to all schools in the district that have year 8 students. The service provides the HPV Gardasil to 73 schools and vaccinates 3500 students-a-year.

Currently one school, City Impact Church School, chooses not to offer the Gardasil HPV vaccine to its students.

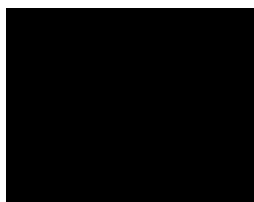
I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community 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 consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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