

31st May 2021



Email: 

Dear 

Official Information Act Request for – HPV Immunisations

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us on 7th May 2021 by way of partial transfer from the Ministry of Health (ref: H202104793), you requested the following information:

I wondered if I could request some information regarding the HPV vaccine in schools?

- 1. How many schools are part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ**
- 2. How many schools are not part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ? Which ones?**

Counties Manukau Health Response:

For context Counties Manukau Health (CM Health) employs over 8,500 staff and provides health and support services to people living in the Counties Manukau region (approx. 601,490 people).

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- 1. How many schools are part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ**

In the Counties Manukau district there are 117 schools eligible for the HPV Programme, of these, 111 accept the HPV Programme.

- 2. How many schools are not part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ? Which ones?**

In the Counties Manukau district there are six schools, Destiny, Pukekohe Christian, Manukau Christian, Oneschool Global NZ, Zayed and Elim Christian that choose not to offer the Gardasil HPV vaccine. Please note: Pukekohe Christian School have advised that further discussion around offering the HPV Gardasil vaccine is scheduled for their next Board meeting. Until this discussion is held, including them could potentially cause confusion for parents in the school community if the school decision changes.

I trust this information answers your request. 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 may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fepulea'i Margie Apa', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health