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Phillip Coghini

Tēnā koe Phillip

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-010005

Thank you for your request of 28 March 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to know the following information related to Covid-19 vaccines: How many have died from taking the vaccine, broken down by age, ethnicity, and any pre-existing medical conditions, and particular vaccine used. If death did not result, how many have encountered illnesses after 3 days taking the vaccine.

Background information about treatment injury claims

A physical injury resulting from a vaccination, including the COVID-19 vaccine, can be considered for cover by ACC if the criteria for treatment injury are met.

A treatment injury is a person injury caused as a result of a person seeking or receiving medical treatment from a registered health professional. In order to fulfil the criteria for cover, the client must have suffered a person injury, there must be a clear causal link between the treatment and injury, and the injury must not be a necessary part or ordinary consequence of the treatment.

More information about lodging a treatment injury claim is available on our [website](#) and in our [treatment injury claim lodgement guide](#).

Where a treatment injury claim is accepted, ACC will pay or contribute to the cost of treatment, rehabilitation and compensation where appropriate. The source of funding would generally be the *Treatment Injury Account*, which is funded by the Earners' Levy and Non-Earners' Appropriation. The exception to this would be vaccination delivered at workplaces, for workers at that workplace. These claims would fall under the *Work Account*.

Treatment Injury Claims related to the COVID-19 vaccines

The data below has been extracted for treatment injury claims where the treatment event was *vaccination or injection/medication, adverse reaction/medication error* and where the medication type was recorded as *vaccine*.

The number of COVID-19 vaccine related claims received by ACC

In relation to your request, we can only respond based on the COVID-19 vaccine related claims lodged with ACC. As at 26 March 2021, ACC had received one treatment injury claim (not a fatal claim) related to the COVID-19 vaccines. This claim, which is still being investigated, relates to a possible allergic reaction.

ACC takes privacy seriously

ACC does not routinely disclose details pertaining to individual claims. As such, we are withholding the age, ethnicity and any pre-existing medical conditions regarding this claim to protect the client's privacy.

This decision has been made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we considered the public interest in making the information available and determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect the client's privacy.

Further data

Further data regarding COVID19 vaccine injuries can be found on the MedSafe website [here](#).

In addition, you could send your request to the Ministry of Health via their online form [here](#) or email them at oiagr@health.govt.nz as they may hold additional data regarding COVID19 vaccine injuries and/or deaths.

How to contact us

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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