



4 May 2021

Via Email: [REDACTED]

### Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 24 March 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, followed by the necessary extension of time 23 April 2021, where you seek the following information.

***Please could you [also] provide information about the rollout of the new Pfizer "Comirnaty" mRNA vaccine by NMDHB for Covid-19 including:***

- 1. A copy of any contracts or other arrangements NMDHB has with the government or with any other entity for providing this vaccine to staff, contractors or any other person.***

NMH response: Please see attached *Ministry of Health 'Letter of agreement for Funding of COVID-19 Vaccination establishment costs February to March 2021 Services'*.

- 2. Information to show what date/s this vaccine was offered to any NMDHB staff, contractors or other persons, and how many accepted vaccines on each of these days.***

NMH response: Please see Table One.

Date	Vaccine Offered	Vaccine Administered
01/03/2021	91	91
02/03/2021	60	60
03/03/2021	89	89
04/03/2021	112	112
05/03/2021	54	54
08/03/2021	55	55
09/03/2021	60	60
10/03/2021	111	111
11/03/2021	83	83
12/03/2021	1	1

<sup>1</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

<b>Contd.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Vaccine Offered</b>	<b>Vaccine Administered</b>
	14/03/2021	60	60
	16/03/2021	90	90
	17/03/2021	120	120
	18/03/2021	30	30
	19/03/2021	395	392
	21/03/2021	240	240
	22/03/2021	72	72
	23/03/2021	108	108
	24/03/2021	245	245
	25/03/2021	144	144
	26/03/2021	293	293
	27/03/2021	60	60
	29/03/2021	147	147
	30/03/2021	300	300
	31/03/2021	593	593
	01/04/2021	739	739
	02/04/2021	480	480
	06/04/2021	306	306
	07/04/2021	526	526
	08/04/2021	402	401
	09/04/2021	754	753
	10/04/2021	423	423
	11/04/2021	480	480
	12/04/2021	463	463
	13/04/2021	453	453
	14/04/2021	120	120
	15/04/2021	668	666
	16/04/2021	431	431
	17/04/2021	285	283
	19/04/2021	395	395
	20/04/2021	441	438
	21/04/2021	668	668
	22/04/2021	758	758
	23/04/2021	572	572
	24/04/2021	510	510
	25/04/2021	484	484
	26/04/2021	126	126
	27/04/2021	757	757
	28/04/2021	791	791
	29/04/2021	557	557
	30/04/2021	625	625
	01/05/2021	281	281
	02/05/2021	244	244

**3. What categories of staff/contractors or others were this vaccine was offered to-**

NMH response: We decline to respond for this aspect of your request under section 18(d) as 'the information requested is publicly available' [Our COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan](#)

**a) and how many people are in each category**

NMH response: Please see Table Two for the number of individuals in each Group for the Nelson Marlborough region.

<b>TABLE TWO</b>	
Group 1: Border and MIQ workers	900
Group 2: Frontline workers and people in high-risk areas	9,115
Group 3: 65+ and people with underlying health conditions or disability	48,000
Group 4: Everyone else aged 16 and over	96,000

**b) how many were actually vaccinated on[e] each of these days from the first day this vaccine was offered until the reply to this request,**

NMH response: We decline to respond for this aspect of your request under section 18(d) as 'the information requested is publicly available' [COVID-19 vaccine data](#)

**c) and how many declined on each day.**

NMH response: Please see Table Three.

<b>TABLE THREE</b>		
Reason	Date	Count
Consent Declined	19/03/2021	2
Consent Declined	08/04/2021	1
Consent Declined	17/04/2021	1
Consent Declined	21/04/2021	1

**4. What information is provided to each person who is offered a Cominarty vaccine? Please provide copies of the safety data sheet and any other information that is provided to assist each prospective "vaccinee" with ensuring informed consent for receiving this s23(1) new medicine.**

NMH response: Please see attached *Ministry of Health* COVID-19 vaccination **consent form**, and under section 18(d), other relevant *information requested is publicly available'* [COVID-19 vaccine resources](#)

**5. What if any employment or contractual consequences are there for any NMDHB employee or contractor person who declines a Cominarty vaccine for any medical, ethical or other reason?**

NMH response: We are guided by the attached *All District Health Boards* COVID-19 (Coronavirus) FAQs: **Employment advice for COVID-19 vaccinations.**

**a) Does it make any difference what the reason is?**

NMH response: No.

**6. Are there any circumstances where the vaccine is offered to families of NMDHB staff or contractors, and if so what are those circumstances and what consequences are there if they decline?**

NMH response: No.

**a) What if any adverse effects have been reported by any who received this vaccine from NMDHB?**

NMH response: Please see Table Four.

<b>TABLE FOUR</b>
Abdominal pain
Dizziness
Dizziness; Fainting
Dizziness; Nausea; Tachycardia
Dizziness; Tightness in throat
Itching of skin
Numbness
Tachycardia

**Source:** Ministry of Health COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR)

**b) What is the NMDHB policy re reporting any adverse effects to CARMs, ACC and on Health and safety register**

NMH response: COVID-19 vaccine adverse events are reported via the COVID-19 Immunisation Register (CIR) or Centre for Adverse Reaction Monitoring (CARM), and specific details are available in the [Ministry of Health Operating Guidelines for DHBs & Providers](#) page 33 sections 8.4.4 and 8.4.5.

**7. What qualifications do the NMDHC Comirnaty vaccinators have and what if any special training do they receive before offering the Comirnaty injection?**

NMH response: All qualified/authorised and provisional COVID-19 vaccinators are required to provide evidence that they have completed the on-line COVID-19 education course which includes an eLearning module for the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty, Pfizer/BioNTech) as outlined by the [Immunisation Advisory Centre](#)

This response has been provided under the Official Information Act 1982. You have the right to seek an investigation by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or free phone 0800 802 602. If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator [OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz)

I trust that this information meets your requirements. NMH, 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.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief Executive**

Encl:

*Ministry of Health* **Letter of agreement v1.0** (7 pages)

*Ministry of Health* COVID-19 vaccination **Consent form HP7565 29 March 2021** (2 pages)

*All District Health Boards* COVID-19 (Coronavirus) FAQs: **Employment advice for COVID-19 vaccinations** Updated 19 March 2021 (6 pages)