



2 July 2021

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Response to a request for official information

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for official information received 24 June 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, where you seek the following information:

- 1. Does the Nelson DHB have any policy or other information on how post Vax adverse events should be reported and communicated to inform CARM, Pfizer and the community? Please could you share information on this.**

NMH response:

Operating Guidelines

NMH implements the *COVID-19 Vaccine Immunisation Programme Operating Guidelines for DHBs & Providers* (Sections 8.4.4 – 8.4.6) which covers recording and reporting an adverse reaction to the Centre for Adverse Reaction Monitoring (CARM) and is publicly available at this link: https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/covid-19_vaccine_operating_guidelines_v17.0_29july2021.pdf

Clinical Pathways

The following two Clinical Pathways provide additional guidance (attached for your information);

- *The Immunisation Advisory Centre/ Ministry of Health Clinical Pathway for COVID AEFIs (Adverse Events Following Immunisation)*
- *The Immunisation Advisory Centre/ Ministry of Health Clinical Pathway for Late Onset AEFIs*

- 2. Please could you urgently confirm if this recent Nelson case has been reported to CARM, when this occurred and who made this report.**

NMH response:

We follow mandated policy, as outlined above, when an adverse reaction is identified. We are unable to comment on individual cases.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator 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



Lexie O'Shea
Chief Executive

Encl:

The Immunisation Advisory Centre/ Ministry of Health *Clinical Pathway for COVID AEFIs* (1 page)

The Immunisation Advisory Centre/ Ministry of Health *Clinical Pathway for late onset AEFIs* (2 pages)