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Tēnā koe Dan

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 29 January 2023. Your questions are listed below, followed by an answer for each.

1. *What date was the Police Sudden Death Report form known as POL47, amended to include information from the deceased persons medical background on COVID-19 vaccination status, how many doses they were administered, batch numbers of doses, who administered the doses and the dates the doses were administered?*

The POL47 form was amended in May 2021, with a further amendment made in August 2021.

2. *Please provide any correspondence documented internally in New Zealand Police and or between any other interested agency or organisation or person outside of New Zealand Police that has directed New Zealand Police to specifically record COVID-19 vaccination data when someone dies.*

This part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as no such direction exists. A request was made verbally by Ministry of Justice as to whether Police could capture this information. A subsequent request was made verbally by a pathologist to the Chief Coroner if the location of where the vaccine was administered could be captured by Police on the POL47 form.

3. *Provide a list of any person, agency or organisation receiving this data collected by New Zealand Police and details of what they are doing with the data.*

The POL47 is completed by Police and provided to the Ministry of Justice National Initial Investigation Office (NIIO) to supply to the Duty Coroner. Depending on the case, it may also be shared with a pathologist.

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The data pertaining to COVID vaccination is not being used in a generic sense by Police. It may help inform the investigation into a specific death. Police is not in a position to respond with respect to other agencies' use of this data.

4. *Provide any reports or correspondence relating to why New Zealand Police are collecting this data, what the data is being used for, and under what authority it is being obtained.*

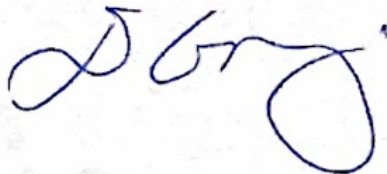
Police complete the POL47 form with respect to legislative obligations to investigate unexplained or violent deaths on behalf of the Coroner (Coroners Act 2006).

5. *How is consent gained to access deceased CV19vax status?*

Medical information about the deceased is obtained from their general practitioner or supplied directly to the NIIO by a medical practitioner.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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