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Via email: Vandhna.Bhan@tvnz.co.nz

Dear Vandhna Bhan

Official Information Request- OIA 13464 HPV Gardasil Vaccination

The Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) has received the transfer of your request to Ministry of Health on 30 April 2021 under Section 14 of the OIA. You requested the following information:

"I'm wanting to lodge an official information request in regards to the HPV Gardasil vaccine.

I understand that the Ministry of Health works with schools who are willing to provide a school-based immunisation programme.

I'd like to know how many schools, intermediate and secondary schools, are currently refusing to work with the Ministry of Health on this school-based immunisation programme for the HPV Gardasil vaccine, and could I get a list of the names of these schools who are currently not working alongside the Ministry of Health with this programme."

The Whanganui District Health Board response:

The number of schools in the Whanganui District Health Board region who are not working with the Ministry of Health:

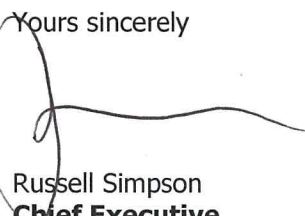
The school based immunisation programme for the HPV Gardasil vaccine is for Year 8 students, that is between 12 and 13 years old. All of the full primary schools and intermediate schools in the WDHB region in this category have accepted the HPV vaccination in their school.

The names of these schools are as follows:

WDHB is conducting a one year HPV Immunisation Catch Up Programme for Year 9-13 students in secondary schools. Only one secondary school has not accepted to engage with WDHB on this catch up HPV programme. However, the school indicated that they prefer to encourage parents/caregivers to engage with their own health practitioner regarding their tamariki. It is envisaged that the HPV catch up programme will be completed by August this year (2021).

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely



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