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Official Information Act request: Vaccination and Pregnancy Data during the Delta outbreak

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 15 November and clarified 17 November 2021 for the following information:

Under the Official Information Act, please provide information, including but not limited to emails, applications, reports, meeting minutes, memos, data, audiovisual materials and correspondence to/from the DHB about:

- **The vaccination and pregnancy rates in the region during the Delta outbreak of 2021, preferably from the beginning of the outbreak if applicable to November 15, 2021.**
- **Vaccination rates in pregnancy in the DHB region, the number of pregnant women and their vaccination information**
- **The vaccination rates in pregnancy by sub-region, if applicable, in the DHB area**
- **The vaccination rates in pregnancy showing the dose – whether it is dose 1 or 2 of the Covid-19 vaccine**
- **The vaccination rates in pregnancy by ethnicity, so NZ European, Maori, Pacific, Other, and any other ethnicity classification in the DHB region.**

You clarified your request 17 November as follows in bold:

- It seems implied that in the context of the Delta outbreak, you are interested in COVID-19 vaccination data. But we want to check. Are you also asking us to produce vaccination information other than the COVID-19 vaccination? And if so which vaccinations?
I'm referring to Pfizer vaccine information, figures and data, pregnancy.
- What you mean by 'sub-region'? Is it territorial authority, local board or Statistical Area 2?
Whichever macro region is easily extracted as data. SA2 preferably.

Counties Manukau and Waitematā DHBs subsequently transferred this OIA request to Auckland DHB as they determined that the request was more closely connected to the functions of the NRHCC.

Response

I am responding on part on behalf of the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), the COVID-19 response and vaccination team set up by the Northland, Waitematā, Auckland, and Counties Manukau DHBs. As your request was transferred to Auckland DHB by Counties Manukau and Waitematā, the response includes information regarding those DHBs.

We have interpreted your request as directed at the community vaccination programme run by the NRHCC. The NRHCC does not record pregnancy status as part of its regional record keeping for the vaccination drive in the region and we therefore do not hold the information requested. Your request is therefore refused on the basis that the documents asserted to contain the information requested do not exist and, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found or are not held by this agency. We do so citing s18(e) of the Official Information Act.

While we did interpret your request as directed on the community vaccination programme run by the NRHCC, we can also release information on the data collection work being done regarding the vaccination status of women's health service users at Auckland DHB, Waitematā DHB and Counties Manukau DHB.

Email communications among staff at Auckland DHB, up to the 17 November date of your request, that were readily retrievable are released to you as Attachment 1. Your request is refused in relation to other email correspondence under s 18(f) of the Official Information Act on the basis that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Waitematā DHB has advised us that they have been collecting information relevant to the period for which you requested information. This information is for pregnant women as the DHB does not hold information regarding postnatal women. They have provided the following data from the time period 17 August to 15 December:

Table 1 Waitematā DHB Patients Volume of Women, Vaccine Dose and Ethnicity

Volume of women with 1 or 2 doses of vaccine by ethnicity - 17/8/21 – 15/12/21				
Ethnicity	Dose 1 only	Fully vaccinated	No vaccination record	Total
Māori	67	242	365	674
Pacific Islander	68	230	243	541
Asian	147	930	471	1548
European	190	1335	650	2175
Other	26	133	81	240
Total	498	2870	1810	5178

Counties Manukau DHB has advised us that they have been collecting information relevant to the period for which you requested information. They have provided the following data from the time period 1 November to 5 December.

Table 2. Counties Manukau DHB Volume of Women, Vaccine Dose and Ethnicity

Volume of women with 1 or 2 doses of vaccine by Pregnancy Status – 01/11/2020 to 05/12/2021				
Pregnancy Status	Dose 1 only	Fully vaccinated	No vaccination record	Total
Antenatal	392	2249	830	3471
Postnatal	185	625	252	1062
Total	577	2874	1082	4533

Table 3. Counties Manukau DHB Volume of Women, Vaccine Dose by Ethnicity

Volume of women with 1 or 2 doses of vaccine by Ethnicity - 01/11/2020 to 05/12/2021				
Prioritised Ethnicity	Dose 1 only	Fully vaccinated	No vaccination record	Total
Maori	176	393	388	957
Pacific Islander	206	817	408	1431
Asian	35	331	44	410
European	64	642	121	827
Indian	88	602	68	758
Other	8	89	53	150
Total	577	2874	1082	4533

Please note in relation to the Counties Manukau DHB data released to you:

1. This includes only open records
2. This data includes only those that are attached to or birthed at CM Health facilities
3. Has been grouped into those that have a delivery date (postnatal) from those that are antenatal

Auckland DHB’s Women’s Health Service has collated the following data relevant to your request in Table 4 and Table 5

Table 4. Vaccination Status Among Women Booked at Auckland DHB’s National Women’s Health

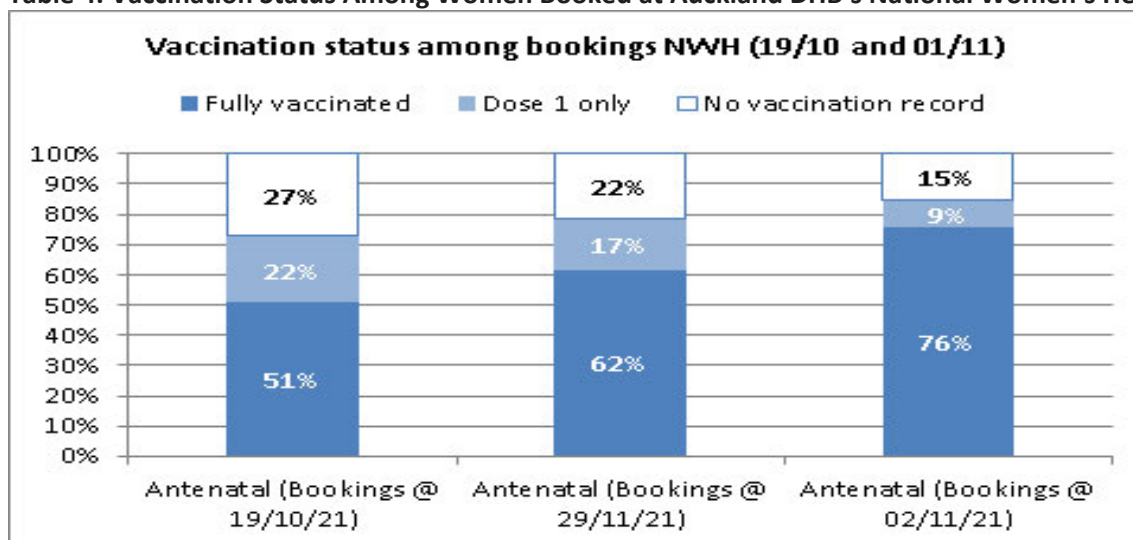
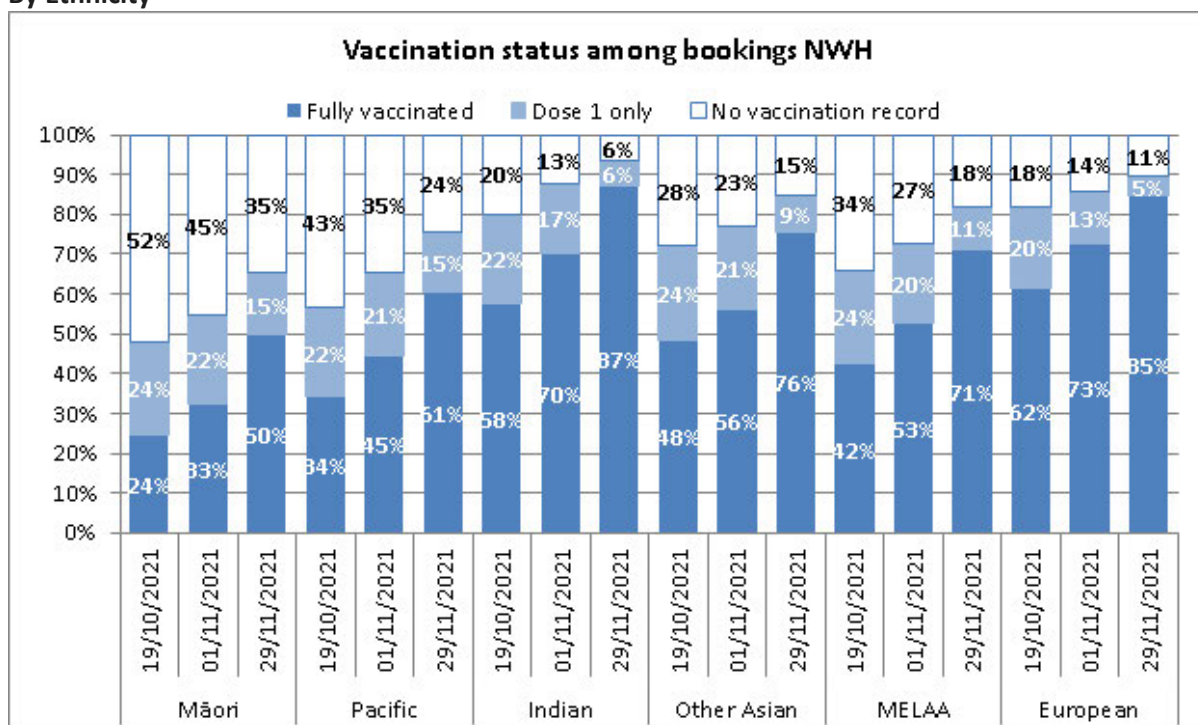


Table 5. Vaccination Status Among Women Booked at Auckland DHB’s National Women’s Health By Ethnicity



Please note in relation to the Auckland DHB data released to you:

1. The information a DHB may have about the number of pregnant women in their areas who are vaccinated, is only a guide not an absolute indication. The picture will not be complete as some people seek private care, and some people only seek hospital care very close to the birth time. It is also of course a snapshot in time – of incomplete information.
2. Some pregnant women prefer to wait till they have given birth before they are vaccinated.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive

Encl.

1. Attachment 1 Auckland DHB Communications on Pregnant Patients and Vaccination Status