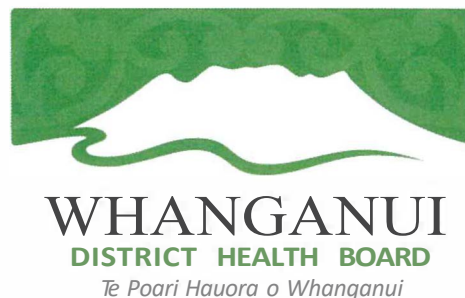


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### **Official Information Act Request - OIA 13662 HPV Vaccination Programmes**

On 26 July 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I am requesting the following information under the Official Information Act:

1. The number of schools in the District Health Board area which run Gardasil human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programmes
2. The number of schools in the DHB area which have refused to partake in/administer a school-based HPV vaccination programme (as of July 1, 2021)

### **Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

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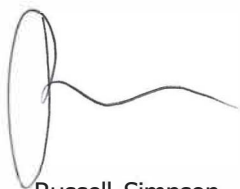
WDHB has 46 schools with Year 8 students, comprising of full primary and intermediate schools. All the 46 schools in the WDHB area are part of the HPV immunisation programme. The HPV school based immunisation programme is offered to children in Year 8.

#### **2. The number of schools in the DHB area which have refused to partake in/administer a school-based HPV vaccination programme (as of July 1, 2021)**

In addition to the Year 8 school-based HPV vaccination programme, 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](mailto:anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz)

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