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Dear Crystal

Official Information Request- OIA 13471 HPV Immunisation Programme

The Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) has received the transfer of your request to Ministry of Health on 7 May 2021 under Section 14 of the OIA. You requested the following information:

- 1 How many schools are part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ?
- 2 How many schools are not part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ? Which ones?

The Whanganui District Health Board response:

1 How many schools are part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ?

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

2 How many schools are not part of the HPV immunisation programme in NZ? Which ones?

The 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

Xours sincerely

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