

Dear [REDACTED]

**DECISION ON YOUR ACCESS APPLICATION**

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act), received by ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) on **Friday 4 March 2022**.

This application requested access to:

- *'How many fatalities due to the Pfizer "vaccine" have there been in the ACT?*
- *How many adverse reactions to the Pfizer "vaccine" have there been in the ACT?*
- *How many fatalities due to any Covid "vaccine" have there been in the ACT?*
- *How many adverse reactions to any Covid "vaccine" have there been in the ACT?*
- *How many fatalities due to any non-Covid vaccine have there been in the ACT in the last 2 years?*
- *How many fatalities due to any non-Covid vaccine have there been in the ACT in the last 50 years?'*

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Director-General of ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD) under section 18 of the FOI Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act. ACTHD was required to provide a decision on your access application by **Monday 4 April 2022**.

**Decisions**

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is the responsible agency for the collation and publication of COVID-19 vaccine safety information. The ACTHD is one of the organisations that provide the TGA with data which is relevant to the information you have requested. The ACTHD does not hold any additional information.

Please see the below links to the COVID-19 vaccine weekly safety report and also the database of adverse event notifications for medicines, which are available through the TGA website:

<https://www.tga.gov.au/periodic/covid-19-vaccine-weekly-safety-report>  
<https://apps.tga.gov.au/Prod/daen/daen-entry.aspx>

As the information requested is publicly available, I am refusing to deal with your application under section 43(1)(d) and in accordance with section 45 of the FOI Act.

**Charges**

Processing charges are not applicable to this request.

**Disclosure Log**

Under section 28 of the FOI Act, ACTHD maintains an online record of access applications called a disclosure log. The scope of your access application, my decision and documents released to you will be published in the disclosure log not less than three days but not more than 10 days after the date of this decision. Your personal contact details will not be published.

<https://www.health.act.gov.au/about-our-health-system/freedom-information/disclosure-log>.

**Ombudsman review**

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the FOI Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is published in ACT Health's disclosure log, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

If you wish to request a review of my decision you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Via email: [ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ACTFOI@ombudsman.gov.au)  
Website: [ombudsman.act.gov.au](http://ombudsman.act.gov.au)

**ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) review**

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under Section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
Level 4, 1 Moore St  
GPO Box 370  
Canberra City ACT 2601  
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740  
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

**Further assistance**

Should you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Coordinator on (02) 5124 9831 or email [HealthFOI@act.gov.au](mailto:HealthFOI@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Cherie Hughes  
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