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Statement from Chief Coroner Judge Deborah Marshall on coronial cases being linked to COVID-19 vaccination

While the Coroners Court continues to work alongside the Ministry of Health to help identify any cases that may be linked with COVID-19 vaccinations, to date only one case has been associated with vaccination.

This case is still active with a coroner and the causes and circumstances of this death have yet to be determined.

I am aware of ongoing speculation about the cause of death in a case involving an Auckland teenager that was recently referred to the Coroners Court. Based on the information available to date, it does not appear that the death in question is linked to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

However, this issue will be investigated carefully by the coroner and pertinent information will be requested from various agencies, including the COVID-19 Vaccination Independent Safety Monitoring Board.

It could be a number of months before the final post mortem report is received and all information relating to this death is obtained from relevant agencies. The coroner's findings in relation to this point will be made available once the inquiry has been completed.

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