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Date: 18/05/2010 11:04 AM
Subject: Fwd: Two year old death in Brisbane

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>>> Kerry White 9/04/2010 10:53 am >>>
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Cheers
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>>> Russ Schedlich 9/04/2010 1:13 pm >>>
Christine,

Thanks. Glad it's quieting down.

Will chase up with Cwth/ATAGI about any other reports of deaths linked to vaccination as requested by Kerry.

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The following is the abstract from one of the articles cited in the report that gives some sense of background deaths/illnesses that might be associated with a mass vaccination programme.

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>>> Russ Schedlich 12/04/2010 8:34 am >>>
Jeannette,

Have not yet heard back from DOHA, and will follow up with them today, but they were certainly not aware of any Australian deaths. I understand that WHO is saying that there have been a few reported deaths temporally associated with vaccination.

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>>> Christine Selvey 10/04/2010 12:37 pm >>>
Hi Jeannette

Russ contacted DoHA yesterday to try to find out what has been reported to the TGA. (I haven't seen any reports on AEFIs as promised...) I'm not sure what he was able to find out, if anything.

I will forward you a couple of the emails from yesterday related to this.

Cheers

Christine

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From: Jeannette Young

To: Christine Selvey <Christine.Selvey@health.qld.gov.au>

To: Russ Schedlich <Russ.Schedlich@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 10/04/2010 11:23:59

Subject: Fw: Qld Health media clips - 10 April 2010

Dear christine and russ

I assume the death is unrelated to the school clinics but have we heard of any death related to pandemic vaccine?

Thank you

Jeannette

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CC: Christine Selvey; KW_JC_EB; Lara McKay; Mgrs

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>>> Christine Selvey 13/04/2010 11:48 am >>>
Hi Russ and Karen

Forgot to cc you in the email below.

FYI
Christine

>>> Christine Selvey 13/04/2010 11:43 am >>>
Thanks very much Craig.

Kerry - confirmation, so response is now cleared.

Thanks
Christine

>>> Craig Davis 13/04/2010 11:42 am >>>
Hi Christine

NOCS has nothing recorded about a death following vaccination. I've checked with Kay Campbell in NOCS data-entry and she has confirmed that she has seen nothing either.

The most recent recorded death was in a 32yo non-Indig female from s.47(3) who was notified with s.47(3)(b) s.47(3) (no vacc hist recorded). This notification was 1 Apr but the death was s.47(3)

We did a quick Google and also found nothing.

Regards

Craig

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>>> Naomi Ford 24/04/2010 12:47 pm >>>
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Sent: 24/04/2010 12:33:56
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Hi Jeannette

Are you happy with the attached response to the Sunday Mail?

Cheers
Naomi

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Inquiry received: 24/4/10
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Media organisation: Sunday Mail
Contact number/s: 3666 6325
Contact email: hinded@qnp.newsltd.com.au
Deadline: ASAP

Subject: Allegation of flu vaccine death

Proposed response:

Please attribute the following to a Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young:

Neither Queensland Health nor the relevant national body have been advised of, or are aware of any death allegedly related to a 2010 seasonal flu vaccination or Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (human swine flu) vaccination in Queensland.

Queensland Health is not aware of any deaths related to the use of the vaccines being reported in Australia.

If the death was unexpected the matter would have been referred to the Coroner for investigation.

In Queensland at 29 March, more than 717,000 doses of swine flu vaccine have been provided with 199 adverse events reported and no deaths.

As the World Health Organization reported late last year when about 65 million people had been vaccinated globally, "A small number of deaths have occurred in people who have been vaccinated. All such deaths, reported to WHO, have been promptly investigated. Although some investigations are ongoing, **results of completed investigations reported to WHO have ruled out a direct link to pandemic vaccine as the cause of death.**

Media contact: 3234 1439

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Response:

Please attribute the following to a Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young:

Neither Queensland Health nor the relevant national body have been advised of, or are aware of any death allegedly related to a 2010 seasonal flu vaccination or Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (human swine flu) vaccination in Queensland.

If the death was unexpected the matter would have been referred to the Coroner for investigation.

In Queensland, as at 19 April, more than 872,343 doses of swine flu vaccine have been provided with 209 adverse events reported and no deaths.

As the World Health Organization reported late last year when about 65 million people had been vaccinated globally, "A small number of deaths have occurred in people who have been vaccinated. All such deaths, reported to WHO, have been promptly investigated. Although some investigations are ongoing, **results of completed investigations reported to WHO have ruled out a direct link to pandemic vaccine as the cause of death.**

Ends

Media contact: 3234 1439

Angelique Hornsby - Fwd: Ch 10

From: Russ Schedlich
To: Angelique Hornsby
Date: 18/05/2010 11:38 AM
Subject: Fwd: Ch 10

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>>> Naomi Ford 26/04/2010 8:20 am >>>
Hi Jeannette

Ch 10 has phoned wanting comment saying they phoned the dept on 9 april telling them about the little girl who allegedly died after having flu shot. she's wanting to know how we can say we weren't aware when they called and advised us. Please advise.

Cheers
Naomi

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From: Laura Stitt
To: Lucas, Alisha
CC: Kelton, Trish
Date: 23/04/2010 5:03 pm
Subject: End Points.xls
Attachments: End Points.xls

Hi Alisha - Please find attached an analysis on End Point Dispositions and Call no's for Seasonal Flu Vaccinations between 23 March and 23 April 2010 for children under 5. We have also included information on callers who's age was unknown.

Hope this helps. We will provide the analysis on Swine Flu calls as soon as possible on Tuesday. Have a great long weekend.

Laura Stitt
Quality and Reporting Officer, Health Contact Centre

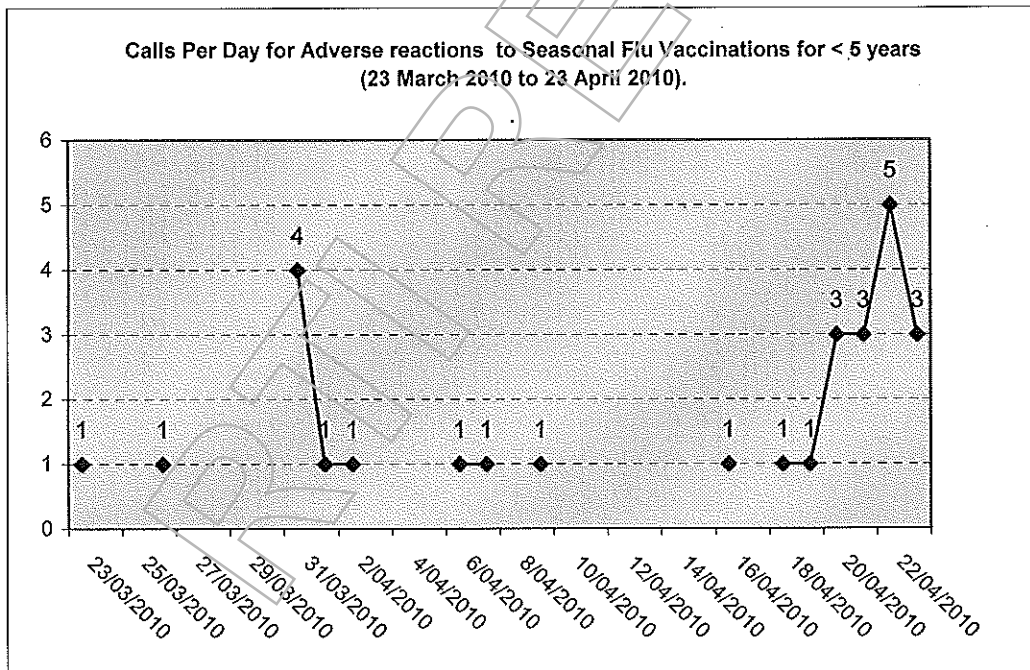
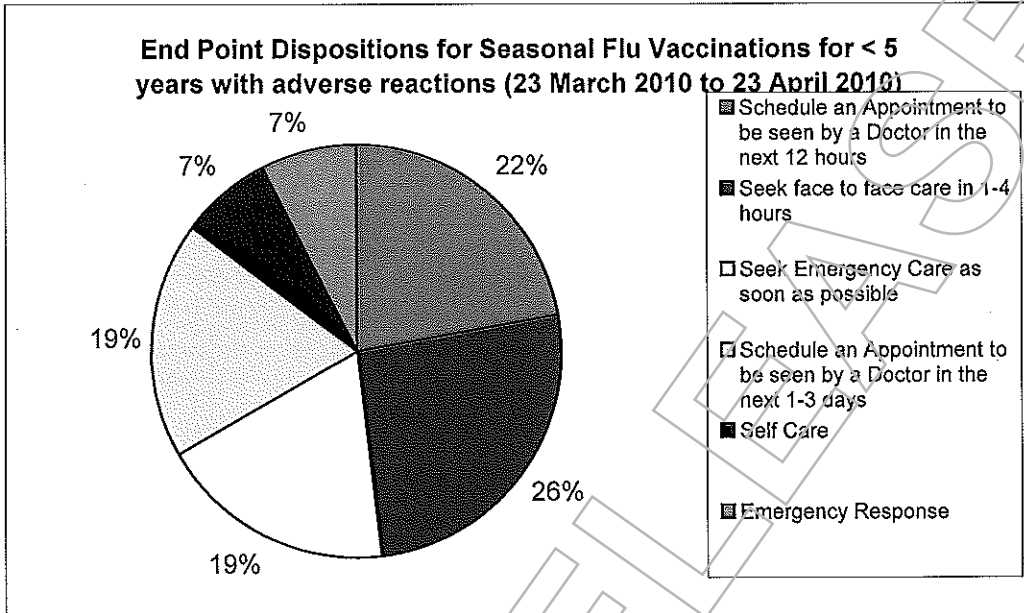
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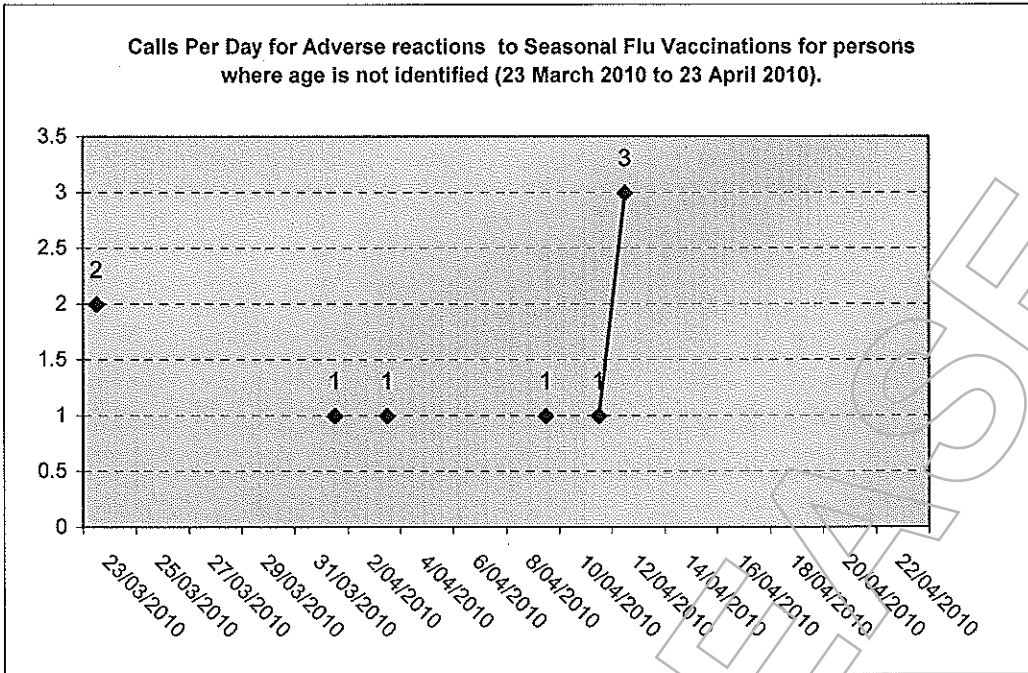
End Point Dispositions for Seasonal Flu Vaccinations Children under 5 years of age

Schedule an Appointment to be seen by a Doctor in the next 12 hours	6
Seek face to face care in 1-4 hours	7
Seek Emergency Care as soon as possible	5
Schedule an Appointment to be seen by a Doctor in the next 1-3 days	5
Self Care	2
Emergency Response	2
Information Call only (Adverse Reaction)	1
Total	28



End Point Dispositions for Seasonal Flu Vaccinations where child age is not identified
 - 2 Calls were received for a child (age unknown) suffering from adverse reaction to seasonal flu vaccination on 23 April 2010 (Information Calls)

End Point Dispositions for Seasonal Flu Vaccinations where persons age is not identified



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Date	Call No's	Febrile Convulsion
23-Mar-10	1	
24-Mar-10		
25-Mar-10		
26-Mar-10	1	
27-Mar-10		
28-Mar-10		
29-Mar-10		
30-Mar-10		
31-Mar-10	4	
01-Apr-10	1	
02-Apr-10	1	
03-Apr-10		
04-Apr-10		
05-Apr-10		
06-Apr-10	1	
07-Apr-10	1	
08-Apr-10		
09-Apr-10	1	
10-Apr-10		
11-Apr-10		
12-Apr-10		
13-Apr-10		
14-Apr-10		
15-Apr-10		
16-Apr-10	1	
17-Apr-10		
18-Apr-10	1	
19-Apr-10	1	
20-Apr-10	3	
21-Apr-10	3	
22-Apr-10	5	
23-Apr-10	3	2

Total 28

Date	Call No's
23-Mar-10	2

24-Mar-10	
25-Mar-10	
26-Mar-10	
27-Mar-10	
28-Mar-10	
29-Mar-10	
30-Mar-10	
31-Mar-10	
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10-Apr-10	
11-Apr-10	1
12-Apr-10	3
13-Apr-10	
14-Apr-10	
15-Apr-10	
16-Apr-10	
17-Apr-10	
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20-Apr-10	
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23-Apr-10	

Total 9

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From: Russ Schedlich
To: Angelique Hornsby
Date: 18/05/2010 11:39 am
Subject: Fwd: End Points.xls
Attachments: End Points.xls

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>>> Alisha Lucas 27/04/2010 10:24 am >>>

Further info from Friday. Has this all settled now? We have the scripts all in place.

I heard only through my family that a 2 yr old died on the weekend after having swine injections and now all docs have been told to cease giving the vacc. Is this true?

Alisha

RTI RELEASE

From: Jeannette Young
To: Christine Selvey, Russ Schedlich
CC: Naomi Ford
Date: 24/04/2010 12:25 pm
Subject: Fw: SUNDAY MAIL QUERY RE: SEASONAL FLU VAX
Attachments: Re: SUNDAY MAIL QUERY RE: SEASONAL FLU VAX

Dear christine and russ

I think this might be the same child than channel 9 thought died after getting the pandemic vaccine. I have advised naomi that we should respond with lines that neither QH nor the national adverse notification systems have been made aware of the death. If the child died unexpectedly the coroner would have been told and would be investigating.

Do you know anything given we now have a name?

Thanks
Jeannette

Dr Jeannette Young
Chief Health Officer
Queensland Health
07 3234 1137

RTI RELEASE

Jeannette Young - Re: SUNDAY MAIL QUERY RE: SEASONAL FLU VAX

From: Naomi Ford
To: Jeannette Young
Date: 24/04/2010 12:15 PM
Subject: Re: SUNDAY MAIL QUERY RE: SEASONAL FLU VAX
CC: Christine Selvey; Lara McKay; Russ Schedlich; SDLO

Hi Jeannette

The journo advises that the child's name was ASHLEY EPAPARA who died unexpectedly at home on 9/4/2010 at age 2 years 4 mths. I'm told this patient had the seasonal flu shot on the afternoon of 8/4/2010

Are you aware of this one? Please advise.

Cheers
Naomi

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>>> Jeannette Young 24/04/2010 11:34 am >>>

Dear naomi

There has not been any notification to the relevant national body or to QH of any death in qld as a result of receiving the seasonal flu vaccine. If she has names and permission of the parents I am very happy to look into whether there has been any specific information about the two children

Regards
Jeannette

Dr Jeannette Young
Chief Health Officer
Queensland Health
07 3234 1137

-----Original Message-----

From: Naomi Ford
Cc: TeamLeaders
To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette.Young@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: SDLO <SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Jade Thompson <Jade.Thompson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: <Thea.Phillips@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 24/04/2010 11:29:21
Subject: SUNDAY MAIL QUERY RE: SEASONAL FLU VAX

Hi Jeannette

I have just received a call from Suellen Hinde from the Sunday Mail. she says she's been told that a set of twins from Browns Plains received the seasonal flu vax (some time ago - she's not sure of the exact date) but word is they both had an adverse reaction and one twin died. Is this true?

I assume that from the info yesterday that this is incorrect but can you please advise.

Many thanks.

Cheers
Naomi

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RTI RELEASE

From: Jeannette Young
To: Magistrate.Barnes@courts.qld.gov.au
Date: 27/04/2010 5:43 pm
Subject: Re: Child deaths

Thank you very much Michael
We will get onto those 6 and let you know if anything comes up
Best wishes
Jeannette

Dr Jeannette Young
Chief Health Officer
Queensland Health
07 3234 1137

-----Original Message-----

From: "Michael Barnes" <Magistrate.Barnes@courts.qld.gov.au>
To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette.Young@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 27/04/2010 17:40:08
Subject: Child deaths

Hi Jeannette,

Please find attached a spreadsheet of all child deaths we can identify as being reported since 10 March.

In no case other than that involving Ashley Epapara is there any indication the child may have had a vaccination in the days before death.

In 6 cases we cant exclude the possibility. I've attached the forms 1 and other documents in relation to those 6 matters so you can contact the treating dr whose name usually appears on the form 1, or make other inquiries if you wish.

Let me know if there is anything else we can do to help.

Kind regards, Michael

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Coroners Case Management System

Child Deaths

Start Date: 10 Mar 2010
End Date: 27 Apr 2010

Lodged Cases in Period: 540
Child Deaths in Period: 18
Total Percentage Child Deaths: 3.33%

Court Location	Case ID	Local Case ID	Deceased	Birth Date	Death Date	Age
BRISBANE	9					

s.73 RTI Act

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From: Gavin Broomhead
To: Brad McCulloch; Business Capability Team; Christine Selvey; Dan Harradine; David Strain; Frank Beard; Jackie Steele; Jacqui Molensen; Jeannette Young; Kathy Byrne; Kerry Duffy; Michelle Carey; Peter McKeown; Public Affairs Statewide; Rhys Tuione; Sandra Eyre; SDARAS; SDLO; Sophie Dwyer
Date: 10/04/2010 10:28 AM
Subject: Qld Health media clips - 10 April 2010
Attachments: Qld Health media clips - 10 April 2010.pdf

Morning all,

Extensive coverage in the media today of s.73 RTI Act
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s.73 RTI Act and CH10 providing brief mention of a 2yo Mount Gravatt girl who died shortly after having a swine flu shot.

I've pulled out summaries of some of the key ones below s.73 RTI Act but full coverage of all items are in the attached PDF.

Thanks, Gavin

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- Channel 10 (09/04/10)
 - TEN News - 9/04/2010 5:16 PM
 - Georgina Lewis and Bill Macdonald

Mount Gravatt Police are investigating the sudden death of a two year old girl. The girl had a swine flu shot yesterday. Paul Lucas, Queensland Deputy Premier, Minister for Health, says no one should avoid a flu shot.

Duration: 0.17
SummaryID: S00038533212

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RTI REVIEW

From: Jeannette Young
To: Russ Schedlich, Christine Selvey
Date: 10/04/2010 11:23 am
Subject: Fw: Qld Health media clips - 10 April 2010
Attachments: Qld Health media clips - 10 April 2010

Dear christine and russ
I assume the death is unrelated to the school clinics but have we heard of any death related to pandemic vaccine?
Thank you
Jeannette

Dr Jeannette Young
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Is the Queensland Health Minister and Queensland Chief Health Officer lying over when they said they knew about toddler's death post Flu vaccination ?

Monday, April 26th, 2010

Following is a guest blog from Meryl Haines who has followed the case of the toddler in QLD who died 12 hours after an influenza vaccine. Please note that the Courier Mail intentionally withheld this information until they were forced to publish it due to the situation in Western Australia. Do we get any truth at all from the media? It is hard to imagine that we do.

Meryl Haines

The Brisbane Channel 10 5pm news, Friday 9th April reported Upper Mt Gravatt Police were investigating the sudden death of a 2 year old the day after she and her family had been vaccinated for Swine Flu.

The Channel 10 news also reported that evening that the deputy Premier (Paul Lucas – who is also Health Minister) as saying no-one should avoid vaccinations.

As there did not seem to be any other reports of this death, I personally contacted Channel 10 on Monday 12th April to check the details which they confirmed and also said that there was to be a post mortem on the Monday.

A week later, there were still no reports of the death in the Courier Mail. I personally contacted a Courier Mail medical reporter on Friday morning 16th April and she confirmed that the Courier Mail knew about the death , but had decided not to report it, citing there was no evidence.

On Sunday the 25 th April, the Sunday Mail finally reported the death of the 2 yr old , after dozens of Western Australian children suffering severe adverse reactions following seasonal flu vaccinations started being reported.

The Courier Mail today (26th April) reported Qld Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young as saying “ until now, neither Queensland Health , nor the relevant national body had been advised of, or were aware of, any death allegedly related to a 2010 seasonal flu vaccine in Queensland”

So how did Channel 10 news report the Deputy Premier as saying on the 9th April that no one should avoid vaccinations?

Did Channel 10 make this up? Did some Qld Health bureaucrat give this statement on behalf of Paul Lucas?

Police were investigating the child's death on the 9th April, so why didn't the Police and the doctor involved alert Queensland Health and the Adverse Medicine Events hotline?

If Dr Young or Paul Lucas knew about the death and kept silent for weeks, in which time dozens, probably hundreds of young West Australian children have suffered adverse health effects that may have been prevented, this may be a criminal action.

It is believed a one year old is lying brain dead in a Perth Hospital as a consequence of a recent seasonal flu vaccination.

As a mother and an Aunt and someone who just wants a fair deal for our kids, I am one of many who will be demanding a full Parliamentary Inquiry and the sacking of Paul Lucas and Jeannette Young.

I am not opposed to vaccinations, only opposed to politicians who lie and those who would let harm befall our children.

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From: Jeannette Young
To: Naomi Ford
Date: 26/04/2010 11:18 am
Subject: Re: Fwd: ADVICE re: CH 10 story on child death vaccination link - dropped at this stage

All very vague

Perhaps in hindsight (such a wonderful thing) I should have asked the coroner about whether a child had died in mt gravatt after receiving a flu vaccine. We certainly were not told until saturday and I have again checked yesterday with the hospitals around mt gravatt if they had heard anything. I note that was done at the time.

Thanks for following up
Jeannette

Dr Jeannette Young
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-----Original Message-----

From: Naomi Ford
To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette.Young@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 26/04/2010 11:09:39

Subject: Fwd: ADVICE re: CH 10 story on child death vaccination link - dropped at this stage

Cheers
Naomi

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From: Jeannette Young
To: Christine Selvey
Date: 25/04/2010 10:04 am
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

Thanks

Dr Jeannette Young
Chief Health Officer
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07 3234 1137

-----Original Message-----

From: Christine Selvey
To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette.Young@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 25/04/2010 09:58:50
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

Sounds good - we will do this on Tues and let you know.

Christine

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeannette Young
To: Christine Selvey <Christine.Selvey@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad.McCall@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 25/04/2010 09:49:59
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

I have just spoken to jim. Let's speak to the tga once we have definitive info

Thanks

Dr Jeannette Young
Chief Health Officer
Queensland Health
07 3234 1137

-----Original Message-----

From: Christine Selvey
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To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette.Young@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad.McCall@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 25/04/2010 09:38:34
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

Hi Jeannette

I don't have an out of hours contact. I am happy to call if you have a contact number. Otherwise perhaps just tell Jim we will fax through a formal report to them once we have clarified exactly which vaccine was given (hopefully the GP will have recorded the brand and we can get a batch no.) and clinical details etc.

Christine

-----Original Message-----

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To: Christine Selvey <Christine.Selvey@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad.McCall@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 25/04/2010 09:33:54

Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

Happy with the "is working"
I will ring tarun in wa
I have spoken to kay in commonwealth and will speak to jim bishop
Christine could you let TGA know or would you like me to?

Dr Jeannette Young
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To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette.Young@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad.McCall@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 25/04/2010 09:29:53
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

Hi Naomi and Jeannette

And perhaps we could say "is working closely with the Coroner", rather than "will be working.." given that Jeannette has spoken to him this morning?

Jeannette - do you think we should let DoHA/TGA +/- WA know, given the media will impact them. (Or just let JB find out via the media...as seems to be his style)

Christine

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To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette.Young@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad.McCall@health.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 25/04/2010 09:21:23
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

Yep, will do

>>> Jeannette Young 25/04/2010 9:20 am >>>

Could we add in something at the start of the statement like "until now.....". Because althou it was the media who has told us we now know of a potential adverse event and it looks silly us continuing to deny knowledge

Dr Jeannette Young
Chief Health Officer
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07 3234 1137

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To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette.Young@health.qld.gov.au >
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad.McCall@health.qld.gov.au >

Sent: 25/04/2010 09:04:01
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

Thanks Christine. I have now received a follow up phone call from the Courier Mail. I will put a response together with the following lines:

Neither Queensland Health nor the relevant national body have been advised of, or are aware of any death allegedly related to a 2010 seasonal flu vaccination in Queensland. Queensland Health will work closely with the Coroner on this matter.

Let me know if you feel any changes are required.

Cheers
Naomi

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>>> Christine Selvey 25/04/2010 8:52 am >>>
Hi Jeannette and Naomi

We will follow up with the GP first thing on Tues.

Christine
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From: Jeannette Young
To: Naomi Ford <Naomi_Ford@health.qld.gov.au >
To: Christine Selvey <Christine_Selvey@health.qld.gov.au >
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad_McCall@health.qld.gov.au >

Sent: 25/04/2010 08:17:05
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

Now why would you think suellen would use anything from us!
I have spoken to richard ashby who is going to contact john lock and find out as much as he can. I wonder if it is possible to track down the gp who gave the vaccinations?? We will see if the coroner has that info
Regards jeannette

Dr Jeannette Young
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From: Naomi Ford
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To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette_Young@health.qld.gov.au >
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad_McCall@health.qld.gov.au >

Sent: 25/04/2010 08:08:16
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

This is from the sunday mail. She used nothing of our response and did not mention the fact that she had been told by police the autopsy was inconclusive

Cheers
Naomi Ford

Queensland Health
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeannette Young
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To: Christine Selvey <Christine_Selvey@health.qld.gov.au >
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad_McCall@health.qld.gov.au >

Sent: 25/04/2010 07:36:12
Subject: Re: News story re child death from flu vax

I will try

Dr Jeannette Young
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-----Original Message-----

From: Christine Selvey
Cc: Naomi Ford <Naomi_Ford@health.qld.gov.au >
To: Jeannette Young <Jeannette_Young@health.qld.gov.au >
Cc: Brad McCall <Brad_McCall@health.qld.gov.au >

Sent: 25/04/2010 07:26:49
Subject: News story re child death from flu vax

Hi Jeannette

Brad McCall has just called me to say he has heard on local radio that a child in Qld has died from flu vaccination.

Do you think it would be possible to call the coroner?

Brad is going to call pathologists a bit later, now that I have sent him the name.

I had intended to follow-up on Tues via VIVAS, to at least find the GP who may have vaccinated (may be no VIVAS entry yet for vax on 8/4 or not at all for flu vax), whom we could call.

I guess if the WA child has died, there might also be confusion there??? I'll look for the story now.

Christine

Jeannette Young - Re: Swine flu death allegation - response

From: Jeannette Young
To: Kerry White
Date: 13/04/2010 10:55 AM
Subject: Re: Swine flu death allegation - response

Assuming Christine is ok with it then I am fine
thanks

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>>> Kerry White 13/04/2010 10:49 >>>

jeannette, would the following be OK with you as a response, at this stage just to Channel 9. regards, Kerry. Queensland Health has not been advised of, and is not aware of any death allegedly related to a Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (human swine flu) vaccination or 2010 seasonal flu vaccination in Queensland. Nor are we aware that any such event has been referred to the Therapeutic Goods Administration, the responsible authority. Queensland Health is not aware of any deaths related to the use of the vaccines being reported in Australia.

In Queensland, as at 29 March, more than 717,000 doses of swine flu vaccine have been provided with 199 adverse events reported.

As the World Health Organization reported late last year when about 65 million people had been vaccinated globally: □ A small number of deaths have occurred in people who have been vaccinated. All such deaths, reported to WHO, have been promptly investigated. Although some investigations are ongoing, results of completed investigations reported to WHO have ruled out a direct link to pandemic vaccine as the cause of death.

In China, for example, where more than 11 million doses of pandemic vaccine have been administered, health authorities have informed WHO of 15 cases of severe side effects and two deaths that occurred following vaccination. Thorough investigation of these deaths, including a review of autopsy results, determined that underlying medical conditions were the cause of death, and not the vaccine. □

http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/notes/briefing_20091119/en/

From: Jeannette Young
To: Christine Selvey
Date: 10/04/2010 12:42 pm
Subject: Re: ADVICE re: CH 10 story on child death vaccination link - dropped at this stage

Thank you. Careless words by the police can cause major problems. Oh well

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From: Christine Selvey
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Sent: 10/04/2010 12:40:31
Subject: Fw: ADVICE re: CH 10 story on child death vaccination link - dropped at this stage

Hi Jeannette

As per previous email FYI.

We, nor Bris South PHU, did not get any reports of this case.

Cheers
Christine

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