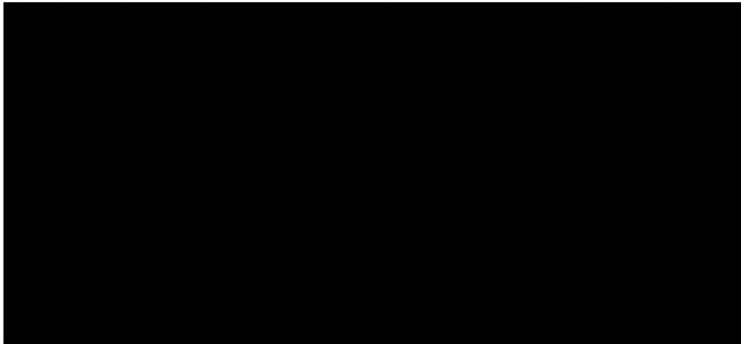


13 May 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Covid vaccination plans

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 16 April 2021 requesting the following information:

I seek, under the Official Information Act, reports produced by the Auckland, Waitematā and Counties Manukau DHBs and/or the Northern Regional Health Coordination Centre – or held by the Ministry of Health – concerning those three DHBs' individual and/or collective COVID-19 vaccination plans.

I am looking for material about the nature and timing of the DHBs' overall plans, such as the kinds of providers, the locations of vaccination sites, the criteria for provider participation, the criteria for selection of DHB-run or NRHCC-run sites, the projected numbers and types of staff required, the obstacles to achieving those staff numbers and how to address them, the risks that need to be mitigated, the cost of the plans, the proposed reimbursement to non-government providers per dose given (if yet established), and so on.

I have copied below a similar request made to the DHBs, the ministry and Chris Hipkins' office. The Auckland and Waitematā DHBs referred me to the ministry, which, like the Counties Manukau DHB and the minister's office, didn't reply, although the ministry did publicly release some vaccination target numbers produced by DHBs and some comments about vaccination planning from the director-general and the CMDHB chief executive, which is less than what I had sought.

I am responding on behalf of the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), the COVID-19 response and vaccination team set up by the Northland, Waitematā, Auckland, and Counties Manukau DHBs. The NRHCC's role is to operationalise the national plan to vaccinate all New Zealanders with the Pfizer vaccine in Northland and Auckland.

It is our understanding that the Ministry of Health plans to release this information that you have requested into the public domain shortly, therefore we are declining your request

under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act as the information requested will soon be publically available.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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