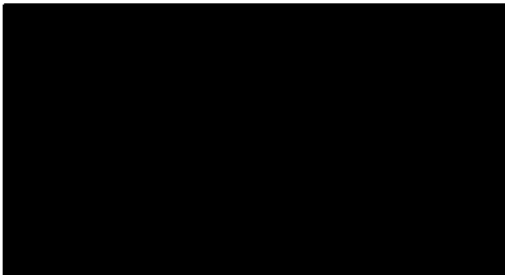


Northern Region Health
Coordination Centre
Level 9
Bledisloe House
24 Wellesley Street West,
Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010

07 July 2021



Re: Official Information Act Request – MIQ Employment Termination in Regards to Not Receiving the Covid-19 Vaccine

I refer to your Official Information Act requests dated 4th and 11th May 2021 which the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) transferred to us on 11 June 2021, requesting the following information:

- 1. Can you please provide me with how many MIQ workers have had their employment terminated because they have not received the Covid-19 Vaccine.*
- 2. Can you please provide me with how many frontline healthcare workers have had their employment terminated because they have not received the Covid-19 Vaccine.*

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.

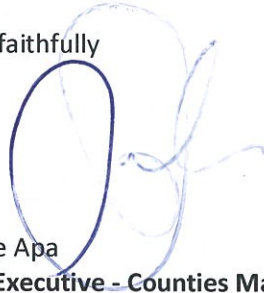
The NRHCC will only respond to question 2, as we can only comment on healthcare workers employed by the regional DHBs. As per the transfer letter from MBIE dated 11 June 2021, other agencies were also included in the transfer who are better placed to respond to question 1.

As of 06 July 2021, one MIQ frontline healthcare worker employed by the regional DHBs had their employment terminated because they did not receive the Covid-19 vaccine. All other healthcare staff employed within the Northern Managed Facilities are compliant and met the requirement.

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



Margie Apa
Chief Executive - Counties Manukau District Health Board