



14 April 2022

Dear

Official Information Act request

As you are aware question 2 from your recent OIA request has been transferred to the District Health Boards by the Ministry of Health under section 14(b) of the Official Information Act.

- *“Please supply hospitalisation caused solely by Covid-19, where Covid is the only diagnosis listed, broken down by age group 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+, and by gender, and by vaccination/or non-vaccination status between 1 Feb 2020 up to and including 31 Jan 2022”.*

Waikato DHB responds as follows:

Between 1 February 2020 and up to 31 January 2022 Waikato DHB had no hospitalisations caused solely by COVID-19. We are therefore unable to provide this data to you as this is not recorded as a standalone reason. On this basis we have declined your request pursuant to s18(e) of the Official Information Act because the information does not exist.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to refuse the request for information. The Ombudsman’s postal address is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

Waikato District Health Board supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Yours sincerely

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