

Corporate Services



15 July 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021071

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 23 June 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. Does the HBDHB have a grading/triage type system for vaccinations based on estimated risk profile not just age profile? E.g. highly vulnerable person in Eamon's situation would receive an invite ahead of a 66 year old with no underlying medical condition? If so please provide details of that grading and triage system, and implementation of that system.***
- 2. Has the HBDHB provided any vaccinations to people that had not first received their invite to be vaccinated? If so how many people have been vaccinated that hadn't had a prior invite?***
- 3. To date how many people have been vaccinated in 65-70 age band based solely on age eligibility***
- 4. To date how many people have been vaccinated in 71-75 age band based solely on age eligibility***
- 5. To date how many people have been vaccinated in 75+ age band based solely on age eligibility***
- 6. To date how many people have been vaccinated in <65 on the basis of underlying medical conditions that mean that covid faces a higher risk profile to them.***
- 7. For the numbers of vaccinations administered to date questions per age band and for the under 65 band with people with underlining conditions that qualify for the current cohort being vaccinated please also advise percentage of that cohort that has been vaccinated. E.g. 40% aged 70-75 have been vaccinated. 15% under 65 with underlining health conditions that qualify to be currently vaccinated have been vaccinated.***
- 8. How many people had been vaccinated that were not in categories 1-3. E.g. someone who was say 58 years old, had no significant underlying medical nor were they a frontline healthcare worker. In essence people vaccinated that did not meet the current criteria to be vaccinated at this point in time.***

For the avoidance of doubt all questions relate to the HBDHB and its covid 19 vaccination program".

In response to question one, Hawke's Bay DHB has been prioritising people based on the New Zealand Cabinet approved sequencing framework and has not triaged vaccinations based on an individuals risk profile within those groups. Hawke's Bay DHB is also working with a number of general practices who are directly inviting their patients who are in Group three to be vaccinated.

In response to question two, Hawke's Bay DHB has used different methods to identify and invite people in Group one, two and three to date. (Groups based on the sequencing framework mentioned above). Hawke's Bay DHB has accepted a small number of walk-ins to clinics, when there has been spare vaccine available and in those cases vaccinated some people who had not yet received a personalised invitation. Hawke's Bay DHB is unable to quantify exactly how many people there are in that category as the COVID

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Immunisation Register does not capture walk-ins, but they would be included in our vaccinated numbers. Therefore under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held decline to provide a response to this portion of your request.

In response to questions three, four and five, Hawke's Bay DHB is not able to provide data of those that have been vaccinated based on age bands alone as some people fall into multiple categories and the data cannot be extrapolated out to give an accurate figure. Therefore under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held decline to provide a response to this portion of your request.

In response to question six, Hawke's Bay DHB is unable to provide this data as there are people who are under 65 years of age with an underlying medical condition or who were vaccinated because they are a healthcare worker with an underlying condition, or because they were a whānau member of a kaumatua or the household member of a border worker as their primary reason for being vaccinated. Therefore, HBDHB cannot provide this information as you have requested and under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held HBDHB declines to provide a response to this portion of your request.

In response to question seven, Hawke's Bay DHB cannot extrapolate out the information as some individuals fall into several categories as mentioned above and to go through this data would take a substantial amount of time and effort in order to collate the information as you have requested. Therefore, under section 18 (f) of the Official Information Act 1982 relating to substantial collation and research, Hawke's Bay DHB declines to provide a response to this question.

In response to question eight, the category of people would be "walk ins" if they have not been personally invited to be vaccinated or met the sequencing framework as outline above. Hawke's Bay DHB does not capture data for walk-ins and therefore under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act relating to information not held decline to provide a response to this portion of your request.

You may find it helpful to look at the COVID-19 data and statistics following this link:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-vaccine-data>

Please note all people in group three will have received an invitation to book their vaccination by 28 July.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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