Corporate Services



3 February 2022



Dear

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: 0IA2021173

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 16 December 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. a list of all district health board emergency departments that have a policy to provide COVID -19 vaccinations to unvaccinated people (COVID-19) who attend the emergency department
- 2. a list of all district health board emergency departments, paediatric debarments or wards that have a policy to provide childhood immunisations to all unvaccinated children who attend the department or ward
- 3 what plan each district health board has to connect people or children not currently enrolled in primary care who attend the emergency department or other departments in primary care (registered with a PHO) currently only 84% of Māori are enrolled in primary care (PHO).

Hawke's Bay DHB does not have an Emergency Department policy to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to unvaccinated people who present to the Emergency Department

The Emergency Department does not do childhood immunisations. ED does not hold the vaccines nor do they have childhood immunisation vaccinations in the ED.

In response to question three, Hawke's Bay DHB is working on options to improve enrolment rates with general practice. There is work in the early stages of planning and therefore we are unable to provide you with any further detail. Therefore, this portion of your request is declined under section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act your request is declined due to information that does not exist.

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 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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