

Tuesday, 8 February 2022

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Re: Official Information Act Request

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

The Hauora Tairāwhiti response is as follows:

*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*

Hauora Tairāwhiti Emergency Department do not have a policy to provide C19 Vaccinations to unvaccinated presentations. Staff occasionally administer COVID-19 vaccinations in the ED or advise patients to attend the local vaccination centre.

Hauora Tairāwhiti does however provide an in-hospital service for people who are in-patients.

*2. A list of all district health board emergency departments, paediatric departments or wards that have a policy to provide childhood immunisations to all unvaccinated children who attend the department or ward*

Hauora Tairāwhiti does not provide childhood immunisations to unvaccinated children who present to the Emergency Department and do not have a policy.

However, staff in the Paediatric and Neonatal unit routinely inquire about vaccination status. They will provide opportunistic immunisations with parental consent, provided no contraindications. We encourage attendance at primary care to complete vaccinations. We advocate engagement with well-child services and providers, as vaccination is just one part (albeit very important) of keeping children and their whānau well

*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).*

Hauora Tairāwhiti encourages people to enrol with their General Practitioner when they connect with health services provided by the DHB. We also have an arrangement with one of our PHOs to enrol and provide care for patients not currently enrolled with a General Practitioner.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mihi

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