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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – information regarding measles clinics

Thank you for your Official Information Act request which was partially transferred to Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) from the Ministry of Health on 11 November 2019. The Ministry is responding directly to questions 1 to 7 while Waitemata DHB is responding to questions 8 to 12.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 7,500 people across more than 80 different locations.

Waitematā DHB has worked closely with our metro Auckland counterparts Counties Manukau DHB and Auckland DHB, as well as the Auckland Regional Public Health Service, through the metro Auckland Incident Management Team (IMT) to ensure a co-ordinated response to the the current measles outbreak.

Our responses to your questions are provided below:

8. How many pop-up clinics have been held since the outbreak - where and when?

Waitematā DHB has held two drop-in measles vaccinations clinics this year, both at Waitakere Hospital.

9. What is the uptake of vaccinations at the pop-up clinics to date - breakdown of numbers per pop-up location requested?

Clinic 1: 07 September, Waitakere Hospital, general measles clinic – 400 vaccines administered.
Clinic 2: 02 November, Waitakere Hospital, for children aged from six months to five years - 10 vaccines administered.

Regular and ongoing communications encourage people to see their GP to receive a free MMR vaccine.

10. Have any clinics been cancelled because of a lack of supply?

No.

11. Why was a pop-up clinic organised by Waitemata DHB cancelled? Was this due to shortage of stock?

No drop-in measles vaccinations clinics have been cancelled.

12. Is there an intention for pop-up clinics to continue?

The metro Auckland IMT, which brings together the region's DHBs, is considering the need for further clinics.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly 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.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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