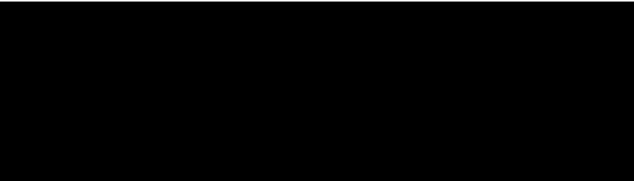


26 October 2021



Dear 

Re: OIA request – Community-based isolation and quarantine plan

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 11 October seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about our community-based isolation and quarantine plan.

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

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,600 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

I understand from a Stuff article that the Ministry of Health is working with district health boards throughout New Zealand to develop a community-based isolation and quarantine plan to respond to potential outbreaks of COVID-19.

Under the OIA, I seek a copy of your plan, please.

We are refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, as the information requested will soon be publicly available. If you have any further queries about this, please contact the Ministry of Health.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to seek a review is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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.



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