



18 February 2022



Dear

Re: OIA request – Hospital admissions of COVID-19 patients who develop myocarditis

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received as a transfer from the Ministry of Health on 28 January, seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about hospital admissions for COVID-19 patients with diagnosis of myocarditis.

You requested the following information:

“Any information you have regards number of people admitted to hospital due to Covid-19 as the primary illness, that later had a diagnosis of Myocarditis, caused by the virus”

You subsequently clarified on 1 February:

“... the total number admitted and total number subsequently diagnosed with myocarditis as a result. Vaccine status would also help.”

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 numbers, which are based on patients’ discharge data.

Waitematā DHB inpatients with COVID-19 who were subsequently diagnosed with myocarditis as a result from 20 March 2020 to 31 January 2022

Total inpatients with COVID-19	355
Acute myocarditis as a result of COVID-19	0

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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