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Dear Ms Gibson

Official Information Act Request – Health Worker Vaccinations

Under section 14 of the Official Information Act, the Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) received a transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 22 October 2019 with a response due on 20 November 2019. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

The information you requested is shown below:

1. How many DHB health workers have contracted vaccine-preventable illnesses such as measles, whooping cough or flu while employed by DHBs in the past decade.
2. Whether those workers had been vaccinated.
3. How many patients, if any, have contracted vaccine-preventable illnesses from health workers or other patients while in hospital in the past decade.

Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) responds as follows:

- 1. How many DHB health workers have contracted vaccine-preventable illnesses such as measles, whooping cough or flu while employed by DHBs in the past decade.**

Measles – zero

Whooping cough – WDHB does not collect this information

Influenza – WDHB does not collect this information

- 2. Whether those workers had been vaccinated**

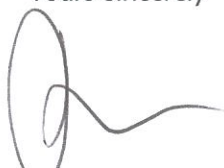
Not applicable

- 3. How many patients, if any, have contracted vaccine-preventable illnesses from health workers or other patients while in hospital in the past decade.**

WDHB does not collect this information

Should you have any further queries regarding the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Deanne Holden at deanne.holden@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely



Russell Simpson
Chief Executive