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Tēnā koe Raji

Official Information Request- OIA 14212 Transfer Exact Procedure for Determining Hospital Admissions Due Directly to COVID

The Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) has received the transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 21 March 2021 under Section 14 of the OIA. You requested the following information:

Please indicate what is your exact procedure for determining that hospital admissions in this current time are in fact directly due to COVID.

The Whanganui District Health Board response:

Please indicate what is your exact procedure for determining that hospital admissions in this current time are in fact directly due to COVID.

All patients are RAT tested on admission, and these cases are reviewed and classified by the Infection Prevention Nurse working out of the Patient Safety Unit, who then advises the Medical Officer of Health. This includes NHI details so that the Medical Officer of Health can review individually. Summary details are also shared with the Incident Management Team (IMT) and volumes are posted in the daily situation reports.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Ngā mihi

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