

15 November 2021

Mario Funken

By email: fyi-request-17237-32a48dff@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mario

Re: Official Information Act request – Covid 19 Hospitalisation Data

I refer to your Official Information Act request 13 October 2021 seeking the following information:

1. What is the total number of Covid cases that required hospital care in your region since the start of the current delta outbreak?
 2. How many of those cases have been hospitalised for
 - a) Covid-19 related acute health issues as a primary reason?
 - b) unrelated acute health issues as a primary reason while testing positive for Covid?
 - c) monitoring purposes only (no acute health issues at time of admission)?
3. What was the average time spent in hospital?
4. How many of those cases required supplemental oxygen at some point during their hospital stay?

Response

We are unable to provide a response within the normal timeframes due to our response to COVID-19, as our clinicians, managers and staff are concentrating on measures to manage the current COVID-19 Delta outbreak in the region.

Given these circumstances you will, therefore, understand that we do not currently have the capacity to respond with our normal timeliness to OIA requests and, depending on how the outbreak spreads, we may not have the capacity for some time to come.

It is therefore necessary to extend the time required to make a decision on your request for information in accordance with section 15A of the Official Information Act. This is because the information cannot reasonably be identified, collated or reviewed by the necessary people within 20 working days without unreasonably interfering with our operations. As such, we expect that a decision will be made on your request and communicated to you by 22 November (10 working days from the due date of your request). However, we will endeavour to get the response to you as soon as possible within this timeframe, if possible.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ailsa Claire".

Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive