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Dear Vanessa

RE Official information request CDHB 10791

I refer to your email dated 25 December 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

 Please provide a detailed breakdown of CDHB employees and contractors that have NOT received the mandated two doses of a Covid vaccine and have Not been stood down ie. Unvaccinated and still employed. I would like this data broken down by role, and for clinical staff, further broken down by specialization, along with the reason or rationale for each exemption from the mandate.

Canterbury DHB is currently meeting the criteria of the health order mandate and does not have staff working on site who are unvaccinated.

We are currently working through a number of employment processes and staff who are unvaccinated are still our employees while we work through these matters. These staff are currently stood down while these processes continue.

We are also working with a very small number of staff i.e. <5 with Medical Exemption applications awaiting specialist appointments. We are declining to provide further details pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act i.e. to protect individual privacy.

In respect to our contractors, all third-party providers have been advised that they must be vaccinated to enter a Canterbury DHB premises.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>; or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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