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Ref: H2023020424

Tēnā koe Lisa

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 14 February 2023 in response to information provided to you under reference: H2023019298. You requested:

“Given five months has passed since I was advised codes were being used I would like to know why you are unable to respond. The original response told me to request this later in the 2022 year and I decided to wait until early 2023 to be sure there was sufficient data. While I appreciate you resending me one of the later responses I would appreciate your confirmation you have looked at the data available and not just the last response and resent it.”

As you were advised on 14 September 2022 in response to H20230219298, clinical codes for long COVID are now available across primary and secondary care in Aotearoa New Zealand. Manatū Hauora expects to begin reporting on long COVID conditions later in 2023, once there is regular use of the code allowing this information to be tracked.

I understand that you were previously advised that Manatū Hauora would begin reporting on long COVID in late 2022 (H2022010466 refers). However, there has been a delay in the roll out of this coding in hospitals as it was only introduced in 2023 and there is no data to provide as of yet.

Please note, the coding functions for long COVID will be transferred to the National Public Health Service at Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) from 6 March 2023. Therefore, you may wish to request this information from Te Whatu Ora at a later date. To submit an OIA request to Te Whatu Ora email: hnzoia@health.govt.nz

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.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Karageorge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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