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Tēnā koe Paul

Your request for Official Information, reference: HN200032589

Thank you for your email on 16 November 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1) For the year 20 February 2021 to 20 February 2022, please supply the number of hospital admissions for Pulmonary embolism:

a) For each week (separately) after reception of the 1st dose of Covid-19 vaccination, b) For each week after reception of the 2nd dose of Covid-19 vaccination, c) For each week after reception of the booster dose of Covid-19 vaccination,

2) For the 2 years 20 February 2020 to 20 February 2022, please supply the number of hospital admissions for Pulmonary embolism each week.

3) If possible, for each hospitalisation for Pulmonary embolism, please supply the following detail in .csv or xcel format. (Cases need not be in chronological order to protect identity).

a) Covid-19 Vaccination status at admission

b) Last dose received

c) Days since last dose received

d) Whether deceased or discharged

In response to your questions regarding the number of hospital admissions, we can provide information on the number of publicly funded hospital discharges where the primary diagnosis was pulmonary embolism. This information comes from the National Minimum Dataset (NMDS).

The attachment **Att. 1 HN200032859 Pulmonary embolism discharges** contains data for publicly funded hospital discharges between 20 February 2021 and 20 February 2022, broken down by week.

Please note that patients hospitalised multiple times (transfers, readmissions, multiple incidents) are counted each time. Data for 2021 and 2022 is provisional and has not undergone full quality assurance.

The NMDS does not record information on vaccination status when patients are discharged. Your request for information on vaccination status for pulmonary embolism hospitalisations would therefore require substantial manual collation. As such, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act. I have considered whether fixing a charge for the supply of the information or extending the timeframe for response would enable Te Whatu Ora to respond. I do not consider that either option would remove the impact that supplying the information would have on our other operations.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gaynor Bradfield', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Gaynor Bradfield
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