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Tēnā koe Erika,

## Your request for official information, reference: HN20059107 (Follow up)

Following our response dated 30 July 2024 to your earlier request, thank you for your (follow up) email on 2 August 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Your response says: " I am, however, able to advise that Health NZ has not paid influencers or sports figures to promote COVID-19 vaccination since July 2022."*

*The date of the Youtube advert in my official request for information is 14 October 2021 not July 2022. I see the Highlanders Rugby Team feature in an advert posted on Youtube here ([\*Your response also says:\*](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DJA135A0xMVg&data=05%7C02%7Csm_HNZOIA%40tewhatauora.govt.nz%7Cc32b0b037cdb42ee24b908dc9239ae7b%7Cbed4da513cdb4d0dbaf8fb80d53268e3%7C0%7C0%7C638546024546252446%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAilCJQljojV2luMzliLjBTil6lk1haWwiLjCjXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9S2CMWN1AZDQGefr%2FcTz%2BXv3M7R2QU7%2BAOGMwV8kbxk%3D&reserved=0 )</a>)</i></p></div><div data-bbox=)*

*"The information you are seeking regarding promotion of COVID-19 vaccination is not held by the (former) Southern District Health Board but would need to be created in order to respond to your request. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, because Health NZ Southern does not hold any official information."*

*This is illogical because information is not created. It is held and stored.*

*Health NZ is the merged agency all the DHBs as of June 2022. All the existing systems and finances at Southern DHB are still in place. This information request is not to "Health NZ Southern". It is to Health NZ.*

## Response

Unfortunately, the requested information is not held in a centralised location. This means that providing a response to your request would require us to divert a significant amount of time and resources to extract all the account codes from late 2020 to June 2022 by transaction for each former district. Each transaction would then need to be manually reviewed by many different areas across Health NZ to determine what the purpose was. As such, we refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Please note, we have considered whether fixing a charge for the supply of the information or extending the timeframe for response would enable Health NZ to respond; however, we 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@tewhaturora.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@tewhaturora.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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ 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



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**Richard Aldous**

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