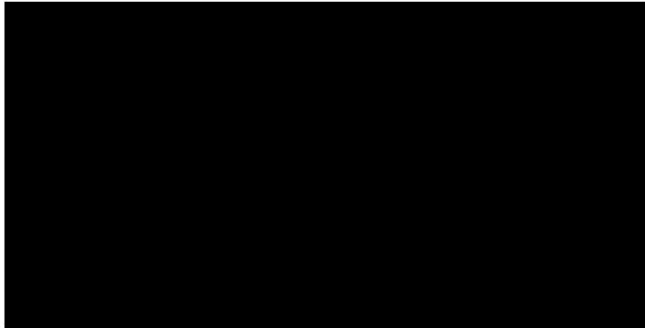


7 May 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Board members receiving Covid vaccination

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 9 April 2021, requesting the following information:

I'm seeking the following under the Official Information Act:

1. **Copies of all internal communications - including but not limited to documents, emails/texts and complaints - which relate to members of the board getting Covid-19 vaccines on March 31, between March 20 and 6pm on April 9, 2021.**
2. **Copies of all external media correspondence Auckland DHB received and responded to - including the internal chains of communication related to each such request - which mention members of Auckland DHB's board getting Covid-19 vaccines.**

The information you have requested is attached in two PDFs.

For context, Auckland DHB Board members were invited to have their vaccinations on 31 March 2021 and discussion about this was had informally at the Board meeting that day. While there was a concern raised by Board member Michael Quirke on email about the timing of the vaccinations, after the informal discussion it was agreed by the Board members, including by Michael, that it was timely and appropriate for these vaccinations to take place.

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 available 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 faithfully



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Chief Executive of Te Toka Tumai (Auckland District Health Board)