

15 October 2021

Re: Official Information Act request – Bluetooth Tracing

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 16 September 2021 requesting the following information and for which we sought clarification 18 September:

This is an OIA request for the following information:

- 1. Had all APRHS contact tracers been trained to activate the sharing of Bluetooth Tracing keys in positive Covid-19 patients prior to the August 2021 outbreak?**
- 2. Can ARPHS contact tracer training documentation for the use of Bluetooth Tracing in Covid-19 outbreaks please be provided?**
- 3. Can any emails exchanged between August 17th 2021 and August 27th 2021, on the topic of the use of Bluetooth technology in Covid-19 contact tracing, please be provided?**

You clarified that you are requesting emails exchanged within ARPHS.

I am responding from Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) as the DHB responsible for Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS).

ARPHS provides public health services to all three metro Auckland District Health Boards – Waitematā District Health Board, Counties Manukau Health and Auckland District Health Board, and the populations they serve. ARPHS's core role is to protect and promote public health.

Please see below responses to your questions:

- 1. Had all APRHS contact tracers been trained to activate the sharing of Bluetooth Tracing keys in positive Covid-19 patients prior to the August 2021 outbreak?**

Yes, this is covered in training.

- 2. Can ARPHS contact tracer training documentation for the use of Bluetooth Tracing in Covid-19 outbreaks please be provided?**

This is attached as annexure A - Guidance for PHUs on the use of Bluetooth via NZ COVID Tracer app to notify close contacts.

3. Can any emails exchanged between August 17th 2021 and August 27th 2021, on the topic of the use of Bluetooth technology in Covid-19 contact tracing, please be provided?

There are no email exchanges within ARPHS regarding this topic between August 17th 2021 and August 27th 2021 therefore we are declining to answer your question under section 18(g) as the information you have requested is not held by ARPHS.

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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