



Te Pouri Hauora Ā Rohe O Te Tai Tokerau



Waitematā District Health Board
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Re: Official Information Act request – Call for nursing backup

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 3 September 2021 requesting the following information:

Copies of any correspondence, briefings, documents regarding the request made for ICU nurses outside of greater Auckland to work in greater Auckland hospitals to help with the current Delta outbreak, including but not limited to the reasons why this is needed, such as forecast patient numbers or descriptions of the situation in terms of ICU staffing and nurse workloads.

The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report by the New Zealand Herald.

I am responding on behalf of the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), the COVID-19 response and vaccination team set up by the Northland, Waitematā, Auckland, and Counties Manukau DHBs.

Please refer to attached Appendix 1 in reference to correspondence, briefings, documents and emails as per your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact Emma McDowall, Business Manager at Northern Regional Health Coordination Centre, nrhccoia@adhb.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully

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