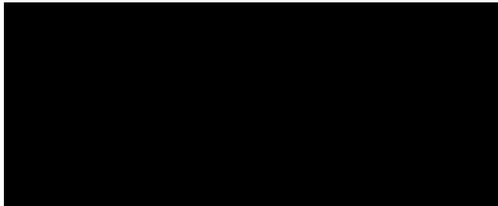


7 October 2021



**Re: Official Information Act request – Gag Orders**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 13 September 2021 requesting the following information:

**Kia ora Ailsa**

**I do understand and appreciate during level 4 you most likely will be unable to provide me information at present.**

**I have sent a couple of requests in the last week but I do have another .**

**Could you please tell me if any of the staff in all Hospitals including Starship childrens have had gagg orders ( Not to disclose, report any relevant information ) on them in regards to any adverse reactions or death post covid 19 vaccine ? If so by whom ?**

**Kind regards**

**Kiri Mckee**

**Response:**

No, there have not been any such instructions given. The DHB has a contractual obligation with senior doctors that supports doctor's rights and responsibilities a patient advocates. Senior doctors are firm in their commitment to this.

Our commitment as an organisation goes beyond that specific professional group. We encourage all staff to report adverse events so that we can learn and improve the quality and safety of our care delivery. We think we can improve our collective understanding and learning about why things don't always go well and how our systems and processes can be improved by sharing information about some of these cases more widely. This is why we publish short summaries of what happened, what our review found and what we're going to do as a result.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully



Ailsa Claire, OBE

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