

27 September 2021

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Re: Official Information Act request – Fiji Evacuation

I refer to your Official Information Act request received dated 30 July 2021 requesting the following information:

1. I request all correspondence received and sent by staff at Auckland Hospital, Middlemore Hospital or North Shore Hospital which relate to a request for an individual to be transferred from Fiji to New Zealand for COVID-19 care. This should include but not be limited to emails between the staff at the DHBs and staff at the Ministry and between DHB management and clinicians.

The period I am requesting this information is from Thursday 22 July 2021 to Friday 30 July 2021.

Response

Once the request was made to retrieve an unwell COVID-19 positive patient from Fiji, there were several email discussions between the regional DHBs, along with discussions at regional meetings which were documented. Counties Manukau DHB will provide communications among the metro Auckland DHBs. We are providing internal communications among Auckland DHB staff.

Please see the **attachment** for these communications.

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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