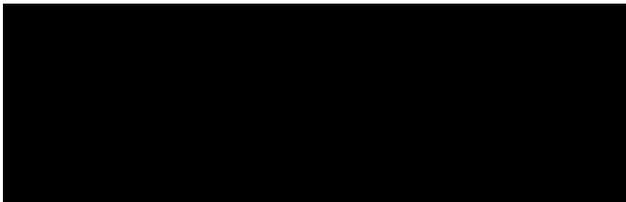


23 September 2021



Re: Official Information Act request – Fiji-NZ patient transfer

I refer to your Official Information Act request received dated 29 July 2021 requesting the following information:

- 1. All communications and correspondence (including but not limited to documents, advice, reports, emails and memos) relating to the request to move a Covid-19 positive patient from Fiji to New Zealand (involving the person being medevaced to New Zealand on Thursday evening), including but not limited to:**
 - The request, discussion and refusal
 - Any subsequent applications
 - The approval
- 2. Can this please include communications with (but not limited to): the Fijian Government and representatives, the patient or their representatives, the United Nations, and Helen Clark.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ailsa Claire'.

Ailsa Claire, OBE

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