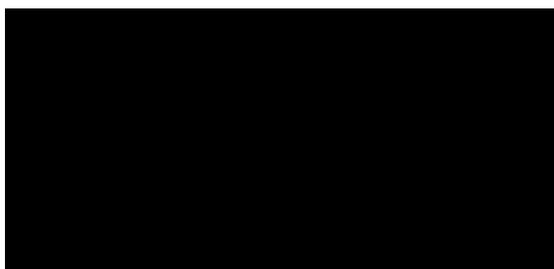


14 February 2022



Re: Official Information Act request – Improving Covid testing rates reports - ADHB Ref: 20220110-1130

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 10 January 2022 requesting the following information:

Any written reports held by ARPHS or NRHCC which discusses improving rates of symptomatic Covid-19 testing in the Auckland community, between May 2021 and December 2021.

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 District Health Boards (DHBs).

The Ministry of Health (MoH) and other government agencies lead public communication regarding testing advice including campaigns to increase symptomatic testing. Therefore, in most instances the NRHCC defaults to the MoH to drive testing of symptomatic persons through an all of government approach (e.g. Unite Against COVID).

NRHCC has initiated campaigns for targeted testing (both symptomatic and asymptomatic) of specific population groups based on public health advice.

NRHCC has not produced any written reports which discuss improving rates of symptomatic COVID-19 testing in the period requested and thus your request is declined under OIA s18(e) – the information requested does not exist.

I trust this information answers your questions.

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 sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ailsa Claire'.

Ailsa Claire, OBE

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