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Re: Official Information Act request – Positive Covid-19 cases linked to the protest - ADHB Ref: 20220112-1135

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 30 November 2021 to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the transfer from the MoH to the Auckland DHB on 12 January 2022 requesting the following information:

- 1. Positive Covid-19 cases that are linked to the protests held at the Auckland Domain on the dates October 2nd, 16th and 30th.**

Response:

I am responding from the Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) as the DHB responsible for the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS).

ARPHS provides public health services to all three metro Auckland District Health Boards – Waitemata District Health Board, Counties Manukau Health and Auckland District Health Board, and the populations they serve. ARPHS' core role is to protect and promote public health.

We know of two positive cases of COVID-19 who attended the Freedom Day March on 30th October 2021, one of whom was infectious at the time of event. There are no records regarding positive cases of COVID-19 attending the protests in the Auckland Domain on October 2nd and 16th.

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,



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Chief Executive