

10 January 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request which was transferred to Taranaki DHB on 16 December 2021 by the Ministry of Health. You have requested the following information:

1. *A list of all district health board emergency departments that have a policy to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to unvaccinated people (COVID-19) who attend the emergency department*

Taranaki DHB Emergency Departments (EDs) do not have a policy to provide C19 Vaccinations to unvaccinated presentations. Staff do not administer COVID-19 vaccinations in the EDs but can refer to the onsite vaccination centre.

2. *A list of all district health board emergency departments, paediatric departments or wards that have a policy to provide childhood immunisations to all unvaccinated children who attend the department or ward*

Taranaki DHB EDs do not provide childhood immunisations to unvaccinated children who present to the ED and do not have a policy.

Taranaki Base Hospital's children's ward and neo natal unit can and do seek to provide opportunistic immunisation with parental consent and providing there are no contraindications when identify unvaccinated or delay in schedule. If families choose not to be immunised in the ward or it is not appropriate, then we would be encouraging attendance at primary care to complete vaccinations

3. *What plan each district health board has to connect people or children not currently enrolled in primary care who attend the emergency department or other departments - in primary care (registered with a PHO) - currently only 84% of Māori are enrolled in primary care (PHO).*

Taranaki Base Hospital ED does not have an active plan re enrolling people in a PHO, however Hawera Rural Hospital is able to offer unenrolled people to the South Taranaki Rural Hospital Practice which is situated on site.

Taranaki DHB has a Community COVID Team that provides care to unenrolled patients. We also do have a process of connecting with local GPs and Māori Health Providers to establish if they have capacity to take on caring for unenrolled patients for their isolation period with a view to long term

enrolment if possible with the consent of the patient. We see this as an opportunity to engage people in health services that may otherwise have not been.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Campbell", followed by a period.

Gillian Campbell
Chief Operating Officer