

11 April 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 27 February 2022, which was transferred to Taranaki DHB on 22 March 2022 by the Ministry of Health. You have requested the following information:

Please indicate what is your exact procedure for determining that hospital admissions in this current time are in fact directly due to covid.

le: are u testing people who are admitting themselves for something non respiratory related and if they test positive after admission for sars cov 2 are you listing it as a covid admission regardless

le: people who are admitted for something respiratory related that is later diagnosed as not sars cov 2, are you indicating them as covid hospitalizations if they return a positive test during admission.

As part of our screening and streaming process all our admitted patients are tested for COVID-19. This ensures we can put in place all necessary health and safety measures for staff and patients from the start, including protecting the extremely vulnerable immune compromised patients.

Cases are reported based on whether or not they are COVID positive and if they are admitted to hospital.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



Katy Sheffield
Chief Operating Officer (acting)