

24 September 2021

Michael Vaughan

By email: fyi-request-16802-906337e6@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202113000

Tēnā koe Michael,

Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 19 September 2021 for:

- “1) What is the Covid-19 treatment protocol for hospitalised cases?*
- 2) Are some DHB's following different treatment protocols from others?*
- 3) Are DHB's free to make decisions about treatments for individuals with Covid-19?*
- 4) To what extent are patients able to participate in decision-making about their treatment programmes?*
- 5) If a patient requests a blood test for Vitamin D and/or the administration of high dosage Vitamin C, are hospital staff able to provide these?*
- 6) Do hospital staff have the right to refuse a patient's request and, if so, is there a process for a patient to appeal the decision?”*

Your request asks for information which is more closely connected with the functions of the District Health Boards (DHBs). For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to the DHBs under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from each DHB in due course.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Nick Allan
Manager OIA Services
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Copy of OIA request:

From: Michael Vaughan <fyi-request-16802-906337e6@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Sent: Sunday, 19 September 2021 23:12

To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

Subject: Official Information request - DHB Treatment Protocols

Dear Ministry of Health,

- 1) What is the Covid-19 treatment protocol for hospitalised cases?
- 2) Are some DHB's following different treatment protocols from others?
- 3) Are DHB's free to make decisions about treatments for individuals with Covid-19?
- 4) To what extent are patients able to participate in decision-making about their treatment programmes?
- 5) If a patient requests a blood test for Vitamin D and/or the administration of high dosage Vitamin C, are hospital staff able to provide these?
- 6) Do hospital staff have the right to refuse a patient's request and, if so, is there a process for a patient to appeal the decision?

Yours faithfully,

Michael Vaughan

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