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Tēnā koe Lisa

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 14 January 2023 for information regarding long COVID. You requested:

“All data held regarding Long COVID in New Zealand.”

As you were advised on 14 September 2022 (H2022010466 refers), Manatū Hauora does not hold the information regarding long COVID to the level of specificity you have requested.

Clinical codes for long COVID are now available across primary and secondary care in Aotearoa New Zealand. Manatū Hauora expects to begin reporting on long COVID conditions later in 2023, once there is regular use of the code allowing this information to be tracked. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act. You may wish to make a new request for this information at the end of the year.

You may be interested to know that Manatū Hauora has made a range of information related to long COVID publicly available. This includes resources for health providers to support and manage long COVID symptoms and research that informs the ongoing response to long COVID in Aotearoa New Zealand. This information is available at the following links:

- www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/long-covid-programme
- covid19.health.nz/advice/i-have-covid-19/long-covid
- www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/covid-19-science-news#long-covid

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



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