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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10218

I refer to your email, dated 1 November 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. As advised in our acknowledgment letter dated 4 November 2019 we are only able to respond on behalf of Canterbury DHB staff.

- 1. The immunisation status (names redacted of course) of these medical / DHB staff mentioned as having contracted measles. (I note "At least 20 DHB staff have had measles this year – and at least six of them caught it on the job. Eloise Gibson reports.")**

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2019/10/31/886805/hospital-staff-catching-measles-on-the-job#>

Of the seven Canterbury DHB staff who have contracted measles this year, two were fully vaccinated, two were partially vaccinated, two were unvaccinated, and the immunisation status of one was unknown.

- 2. How many of these and wider cases of DHB / staff who contracted measles, were vaccinated?**
 - 2a. How many shots did they receive?**

Two staff had had two doses of a measles-containing vaccine
Two staff had had one dose of a measles-containing vaccine
Two staff had not had any doses of measles-containing vaccine
One staff member's vaccination status was unknown

- 2b. How close after vaccines did they contract the measles?**

In all cases, the interval between vaccination and contracting measles was years (as the staff had been vaccinated in childhood)

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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