

# Canterbury

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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10193

I refer to your email dated 10 October 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- 1. Of the 13 cases of denotified measles (end July 2019), what was the time interval between vaccination and specimen connection/collection.**

Time intervals between MMR vaccination and specimen collection for each of these cases were:

- 12 days
- 9 days
- 13 days
- Unknown interval (vaccine strain identified from specimen - date MMR given not known)
- 12 days
- 7 days
- 6 days
- 14 days
- 12 days
- Unknown interval (vaccine strain identified from specimen - date MMR given not known)
- 13 days
- 12 days
- 15 days

- 2. How many other such cases have there been in CDHB in the last five years?**

This part of your request would require substantial collation and research and so is declined under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

By way of explanation you should note that it is unusual to have such cases reported to public health units outside the context of a measles outbreak. During an outbreak, clinicians are more likely both to suspect

a diagnosis of measles and to request a PCR test to confirm it. In that context, it is more likely that cases of vaccine-related illness will be tested and identified as such.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz); or Freephone 0800 802 602.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Macfarlane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melissa Macfarlane  
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