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9(2)(a)



**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10798**

We refer to your email 13 January 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB and West Coast DHB. Specifically:

9(2)(a) **Health no longer offers Covid-19 vaccinations or tests (excluding paid fit to fly / travel tests).**

**1. Was this decision made or suggested by CDHB?**

It is up to the individual general practice to decide whether or not they want to continue to be a provider of COVID-19 testing or vaccination services. This general practice was not requested to stop offering tests or vaccinations by the Canterbury DHB. The practice made its own decision to stop offering vaccinations on Wednesday 8 December 2021 and continues to offer COVID-19 testing for enrolled patients and 'Fit-to-fly' testing for both enrolled and casual patients.

**2. Further, why has the total number of GPs offering these services reduced dramatically over the past few months in the CDHB area?**

We ask what is the factual basis for your question, as capacity for COVID-19 testing and vaccinations has not decreased. Some general practices only test or vaccinate their enrolled patients.

**3. The contents of any investigation report, or similar related documents, held by CDHB relating to 9(2)(a) Health Wigram Covid-19 vaccine administration or Covid-19 testing errors, including but not limited to the instance where they gave the incorrect Covid-19 vaccination dose.**

We refer to a previous response published on the CDHB website CDHB 10694.

<https://www.cdhb.health.nz/about-us/document-library/cdhb-10694-vaccine-error-wigram/>

[Click here](#) to view. This response contains all documents held in relation to the vaccination error at Wecare Health Wigram. No other incidents have been reported by this clinic.

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 and West Coast DHB websites.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RLS', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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