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**RE Official information request CDHB 10140**

I refer to your email dated 5 July 2019 and received 8 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- **How many measles cases have been confirmed as caused by vaccine strains of the virus over the last five years and the time interval between each case and their last MMR vaccination?**

We have had no confirmed measles cases caused by vaccine strains of the virus in the Canterbury DHB region over the last five years.

This is to be expected because vaccine-associated illness where a measles vaccine strain is identified by genotyping does not meet the case definition for confirmed measles.

If, as was the case in the Canterbury measles outbreak earlier this year, some cases initially notified as suspected measles are found by genotyping to have the vaccine strain present (and they also have a history of recent vaccination), such cases are de-notified. There were 13 such cases in the Canterbury outbreak this year.

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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