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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10157

I refer to your email dated 24 July 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB.

- **Is it a legal requirement in New Zealand to be registered to a GP to receive vaccinations? So if I needed vaccinations but wasn't near my normal GP can I get these from any GP close to me?**

It is not a legal requirement in NZ to be registered with a GP to receive vaccinations. However there are a number of instances when general practice enrollment may be required to be vaccinated - these include:

- During the recent vaccine shortages (Measles and Influenza) general practices prioritised vaccinations to ensure the practice had enough supply to provide vaccines for identified 'high risk' patients registered with their practice.
- Due to capacity often general practices will not vaccinate casual patients, as they need to prioritise their enrolled population. During the recent outbreaks many general practices limited their vaccination programme to enrolled patients only.

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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