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RE Official information request CDHB 10141

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.

(The CDHB website page says): Of the more than 236 notified cases investigated, 13 were identified as the vaccine strain. These cases presented with mild symptoms a short time after receiving a vaccination, and as such, have not been included in the outbreak."

Can I have the following information for the 236 notified cases that were investigated?

1. Date of notification
2. Age [group will be ok]
3. Vaccination status
4. Result of investigation: e.g.
 - measles confirmed in which case please state genotype
 - measles due to vaccine
 - not measles, in which case what was the diagnosis (ICD code will suffice)
5. Admission status

Your request is declined pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act, as the information requested is personal health information not official information. The information was also collected for a specific purpose under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 2016, as part of our statutory responsibilities regarding notifiable diseases and may not be shared other than for that purpose. However, from time to time we may provide collated information publicly on notifiable diseases for public health purposes. This is in line with our statutory responsibilities and the purpose for which the information was collected.

You will find summary information about the measles outbreak in Canterbury earlier this year is available on the Canterbury DHB website <https://www.cdhb.health.nz/your-health/information-about-the-canterbury-measles-outbreak-march-2019/> as well as copies of all media releases made during the outbreak.

You will also find information contained in our previous responses to Official Information Act requests regarding the Measles outbreak on the following Canterbury DHB website link.

https://www.cdhb.health.nz/about-us/document-library/?_sft_document_type=official-information-act-response

If you disagree with our decision to withhold information you may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision from the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long, sweeping underline.

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