

Wednesday, 10 June 2020

Re: Official Information Act Request - Information regarding Hauora Tairāwhiti's COVID cases

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

**You asked:**

*Can we please have more information about the four cases of Covid-19 in Tairāwhiti. The public information that I am requesting is information that other health boards have given out.*

- 1. We want to know whether there were any nurses, or health staff, who made up the four cases.*
- 2. We would also like confirmed that half of the cases were a couple -- who had both returned on March 20 from America. The information requested does not reveal any identities, yet does calm the public as the link to how these people got Covid-19 becomes clear. It's a nice balance.*
- 3. We would also like to know why the partner of the first case, was not recorded on the same day -- even though they both returned on the same flight -- her diagnosis was not made public until about three weeks later -- why the delay?"*

**Hauora Tairāwhiti's response is as follows:**

1. None of the four cases included health workers.
2. We can confirm that these cases were linked to overseas travel. Under section 9.2 (a) of the Official information Act, where protecting the privacy of natural persons is necessary, Hauora Tairāwhiti cannot confirm any further details about the cases.
3. Cases are recorded for the date a positive diagnosis is made.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response or an edited version of this response may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi

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Hauora Tairāwhiti