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Re: Official Information Request for Cerebrovascular Admissions Data – ADHB 20220419-1204

I refer to your official information request dated 19 April 2022 for the following information:

- 1. The number of cerebrovascular admissions to the ADHB for the 6 months up to the current or the most current date (not preceding 19 March 2022)
- 2. and the covid-19 vaccination records including the date of all vaccinations of the same admissions
- 3. can i please have the dates of the cerebrovascular admissions and be able to link these admissions with the dates of their vaccinations

Response

In the period October 2021 to March 2022 there were 733 patient admissions for cerebrovascular events.

Please note:

- some patients have more than one admission
- these are coded cerebrovascular inpatient admissions and a patient would need to have been discharged before the end of March with a stay longer than three hours to be coded.

In regard to the balance of your request, Auckland DHB does not hold Covid-19 vaccination records. This information is held on the National Immunisation Register, to which various agencies including DHBs have access. However, that access is not provided so that a DHB might data-match a particular presentation with each patient's vaccination status.

The balance of your request is thus declined under s18(e) Official Information Act – the data-matched information does not exist. Secondly, to use the Register to create it would breach the terms of access to this resource and utilising it would be contrary to the public interest – Official Information Act s9(2)(ba)(ii).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. 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 Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely

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