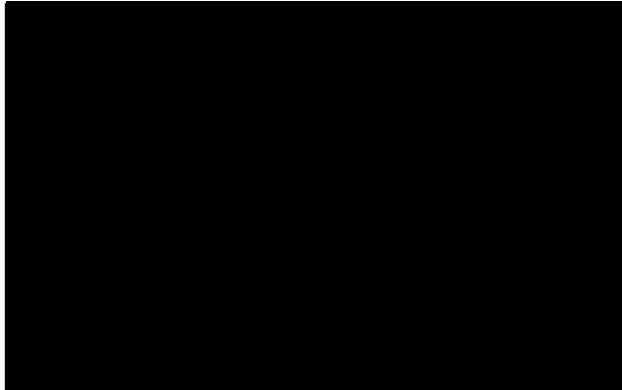


8 October 2019



**Re: Official Information Act request – Measles – Titre Testing**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 14 September 2019 to Waitemata DHB, transferred to Auckland DHB on 17 September 2019. The three DHBs in Auckland have set up an incident management team for the measles outbreak which is located at Auckland DHB.

The information you requested and our responses are set out below.

Good afternoon- OIA Request TITRE TESTING - I would like the following information provided please under the Official Information Act please:

**1. The process followed by Doctors/Medical Professionals in the WDHB area for a patient requesting a measles blood titre test as at today's date 14/09/2019.**

In the Waitemata District Health Board, Doctors/Medical Professionals can request a measles serology test as follows:

- a. If an individual is a potential contact of a confirmed measles case they may be referred for a serology test by their General Practitioner (GP) at no cost to the individual.
- b. If an individual wishes to undertake serology test but has not been in contact with a confirmed measles case they may be referred by their GP based on clinical judgment. The individual will be required to pay a co-payment of \$48 for this serology testing.

- 2. Whether there are any restrictions placed on the availability for patients wanting to request via GP/Hospital staff titre tests for measles, mumps or any other. If there are, what are these restrictions?**

Please see the response to question one. There are no restrictions on referral from a patient's GP.

- 3. If Measles blood titre testing is being declined what date was this policy changed and why.**

There has been no change in policy. The pathway to access serology testing is described in the response to question one.

- 4. If an official policy preventing patients from obtaining Measles (or any other) blood titre testing is in place please provide a copy of policy with date implemented clearly shown.**

There has been no change in policy.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://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 faithfully



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