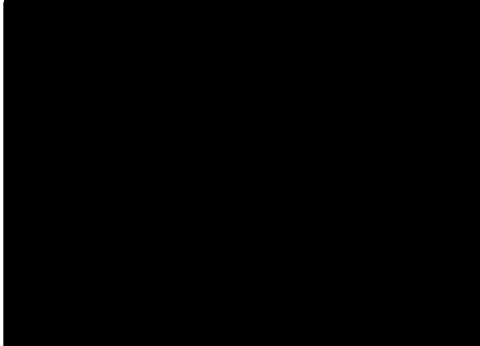


7 April 2020



Re Official Information Request – PPE stockpiles and projected demand

I refer to your official information request dated 31 March 2020 requesting the following information:

With respect I request the following information from your organisation under the terms of the Official Information Act 1982:

- 1. Inventories of PPE (broken into pairs of gloves, masks, face screens and scrubs) held by your organisation on March 31, 2020.**
- 2. Typical monthly use rates for the above items for the 2019 calendar year**
- 3. Expected or modelled monthly surge demand for such items caused by the Covid-19 outbreak.**

As you can appreciate, Auckland DHB has diverted significant resources from across the organisation to support the regional and national response to COVID-19 and therefore we are unable to respond to your request section 18(f) of the Official Information Act, as the information cannot be made available without substantial manual collation or research by people who are vital to the COVID-19 response. Whilst we understand that there is a significant public interest in the COVID-19 response, it is not possible for resources to be allocated to responding to your request at this time nor is it not reasonable to extend the timeframe to respond at this time. We would refer you to the comments made by the Director General of Health in relation to PPE stocks, available here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/news-media/news-items/covid-19-media-update-26-march>

Information about the government's response to COVID-19 is regularly updated on www.health.govt.nz and <https://covid19.govt.nz>.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully



Ailsa Claire, OBE
Chief Executive