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Official Information Act Request - OIA 13736 COVID Screening & Vaccination Clinics

On 28 August 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

1. Why were health/medical centres where our GPs are based, not involved in either screening or vaccinations -until very recently? ie this past 2-3 weeks?
2. Which district centres for both screening and vaccinations were operated and staffed by health professionals on the WDHB staff?
3. Which organisations (not professional health centres or WDHB) were/are contracted by WDHB to provide screening and where?
4. Which organisations (not professional health centres or WDHB) were/are contracted to provide vaccinations to the public and where?
5. Did all non-professional centres contracted to provide screening and vaccinations employ/utilise registered health professionals to undertake these services?

The Whanganui District Health Boards response:

- 1. Why were health/medical centres where our GPs are based, not involved in either screening or vaccinations -until very recently? ie this past 2-3 weeks?**

Some medical centres were involved very early on in the vaccination programme, eg Aramoho and Taihape. Other practices came on board when they were ready to do so, the reasons for this sit with individual providers.

- 2. Which district centres for both screening and vaccinations were operated and staffed by health professionals on the WDHB staff?**

The following district vaccination centres were operated and staffed by health professionals on the WDHB staff:

- Whanganui hospital
- Te Rito (Victoria Avenue clinic)
- Supported Te Oranganui and primary health sites
- Raetihi
- Taihape
- Bulls Community Centre
- Marton
- Hunterville
- Te Poho (some clinics)

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- Pop up locations around the district
- Workplaces

The following district centres for screening were operated and staffed by health professionals on the WDHB staff:

- Whanganui hospital campus

3. Which organisations (not professional health centres or WDHB) were/are contracted by WDHB to provide screening and where?

Nil.

4. Which organisations (not professional health centres or WDHB) were/are contracted to provide vaccinations to the public and where?

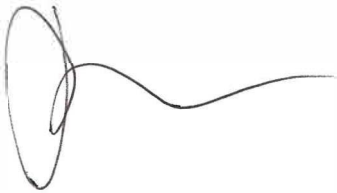
Nil.

5. Did all non-professional centres contracted to provide screening and vaccinations employ/utilise registered health professionals to undertake these services?

Not applicable.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

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Russell Simpson
Chief Executive