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Tēnā koe Anthony

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-012104

Thank you for your emails of 1 July 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Please provide the letters/Invitations sent out to invite the providers who the ACC requested to participate in the “Multiple best practice sources” aspect of new guidelines*
2. *Please provide the percentage of those who accepted the ACC’s invitation to contribute and those who chose to decline*
3. *Upon receiving contributions, please provide information of the steps ACC took to ensure the contributions provided, are considered the latest up to date evidence-based practice/research*
4. *What parts of the Traumatic Brain Injury Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 are making part of the “The concussion primary care pathway pilot”*
5. *Provide evidence which the ACC has used to base the validity of carrying over any Guidelines from Traumatic Brain Injury Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 to the upcoming “Concussion primary care pathway pilot”*

For ease of response, we have grouped all three of your requests together in one response. On July 28 2021, we contacted you for an address to provide our response to your request for the names of the clinicians on the expert advisory group, as it contained personal information. We will provide our response to the private address you supplied.

Response to questions 1-3

No persons were directly invited to contribute to the research. ACC relied on best practice assessments and research articles to contribute to our work. Therefore, your request for the invitations sent to contribute, and the percentage of those who accepted or declined, is being refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

ACC’s Clinical Advisors provided guidance on the appropriateness of the information relevant to a New Zealand context.

Parts of the Primary care pathway that relate to the TBI Strategy and Action Plan 2017-21

The TBI strategy and action plan of 2017-21 can be found on ACC’s website, [here](#).

The primary care pathway work contributes to the delivery of Priority 4 (page 23), specifically bullet point #4 on page 25, “Support the development of specific competencies in the wider TBI workforce.”

Evidence used for primary pathway care

ACC followed a process of reviewing relevant evidence, considering recommendations from an advisory group and consultation with Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners to provide expert advice.

Please find attached *GOV-012104 Documents* which provides the specific evidence used to inform development of the primary care tool and pathway:

- Two NZ based research papers – including published data from a pilot run in partnership with ACC
- Tools trialled and used in the public domain
 - SCAT-5
 - NZR-CAT (specific to sport)
 - BIST

If you have any questions

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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