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Tēnā koe Joanna

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – Response – OIA2021110410

Thank you for your official information request regarding *chairs and needles at the Kilbirnie vaccination centre*, which was received by Capital & Coast District Health Board (CCDHB) on 4 November 2021. You requested the following information:

“Please tell me what the weight rating of the small plastic foldable chairs provided in the Kilbirnie vaccination centre is, and if any consideration was given to how inappropriate they are for the large numbers of group 3 members who are accessing the vaccine now due to their high BMI.

Please also supply me with the reasoning behind a lack of supply of 38mm needles needed for the larger patients.”

Our response to your request is outlined below.

Response

- 1. Please tell me what the weight rating of the small plastic foldable chairs provided in the Kilbirnie vaccination centre is, and if any consideration was given to how inappropriate they are for the large numbers of group 3 members who are accessing the vaccine now due to their high BMI.*

We have two types of chairs available on site.

- Our regular chairs black and white hold over 100 kg
- Our red chairs steel frame can hold up to 150kg.

- 2. Please also supply me with the reasoning behind a lack of supply of 38mm needles needed for the larger patients.*

We always have large needles available and these are pre-drawn up as required as per IMAC guidance and we are discrete when we use these. We do not make a point of saying we are using a large needle. There is no shortage of these and they are used when clinically appropriate.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, 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 you can free phone 0800 802 602.

Nāku ite noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fionnagh Dougan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' at the end.

Fionnagh Dougan

Āpiha Whakahaere Mātāmua | Chief Executive

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