



Health and Disability Commissioner
Te Toihau Hauora, Hauātanga

20 September 2021

Connor Miller

By email: fyi-request-16476-9236c714@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Mr Miller

Re: Information Request

Our ref: E21HDC01744

Thank you for your email of 23 August 2021 requesting “all complaints and information relating to Doctor Matthew Shelton's misconduct. He was recently featured on the news for misconduct after he used his practice official phone number to spread anti-vax misinformation to vulnerable clients.”

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 and the Privacy Act 1993.

HDC has currently received a total of 24 complaints in relation to Dr Shelton recently texting information about Covid vaccinations to patients. HDC is in the process of assessing the complaints and due to privacy reasons we are not able to discuss the details of these complaints while this process is underway.

Information withheld

Please note that I have withheld the following information:

- Personal information of an individual pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act and/or section 29(1)(a) of the Privacy Act in order to protect privacy.

In relation to the information withheld, I am of the view that the reasons outlined above are not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make this information available.

You may seek a review of this decision from the Office of the Ombudsman or the Privacy Commissioner.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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Legal Advisor