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Dear Christopher

Re: Official Information Request for Isolation at Home Information

I refer to your official information request dated 03 November 2021 and partially transferred to Auckland DHB on 26 November 2021 for the following information:

Please provide the following information as at 2nd November 2021.

2. All documentation relating to the processes and procedures for persons who have tested positive for Covid-19 and who are quarantined at home.

Please ensure this includes, but is not limited to, the documentation of processes and procedures for;

- a. How individuals The assessment of individual and/or group risk-factors for compliance with at home quarantine. Please ensure that you include details as to whether assessment inquires as to criminal convictions or membership of a gang (as gang is defined in s2 of the Prohibition of Gang Insignia in Government Premises Act 2013)**
- b. Determining whether an individual or group is to be quarantined qualifies for at home quarantine or will be moved to an MIQ facility**
- c. Testing for Covid-19 including how samples are to be collected.**
- d. Monitoring for health symptoms including any diagnostic instruments such as thermometers provided to isolated persons.**
- e. Monitoring for 'stay home' compliance including any technology used to support this.**
- f. Monitoring for 'no visitors' compliance including any technology used to support this**
- g. Determining that an individual or group is to be moved to an MIQ facility based on any change in health status or non-compliance with the requirements of at home quarantine**

I am responding on behalf of the Northern Region Health Coordination Centre (NRHCC), the COVID-19 response and vaccination team set up by the Northland, Waitematā, Auckland, and Counties Manukau DHBs.

Please provide the following information as at 2nd November 2021.

All documentation relating to the processes and procedures for managing persons isolated at home under the 'Overseas Arrivals At Home MIQ trial' currently underway. Please ensure this includes, but is not limited to, the documentation of processes and procedures for:

- a. **How individuals The assessment of individual and/or group risk-factors for compliance with at home quarantine. Please ensure that you include details as to whether assessment inquires as to criminal convictions or membership of a gang (as gang is defined in s2 of the Prohibition of Gang Insignia in Government Premises Act 2013)**

As at 2 November 2021, for each COVID-19 positive case, Auckland Regional Public Health Service would undertake an initial assessment as per our *Case Interview Form* provided in **Attachment 1** and our *Tool to Determine Place of Isolation* **Attachment 2**. The symptom check/contact daily follow up is outlined in the form **Attachment 3**.

We do not hold the information requested regarding criminal convictions or membership of a gang.

- b. **Determining whether an individual or group is to be quarantined qualifies for at home quarantine or will be moved to an MIQ facility**

Please see our response to Q 2a.

- c. **Testing for Covid-19 including how samples are to be collected.**

The Ministry of Health did not ask Auckland DHB to accept this question in its transfer of 27 November 2021.

- d. **Monitoring for health symptoms including any diagnostic instruments such as thermometers provided to isolated persons.**

As at 2 November 2021, for positive COVID-19 cases moving to a Community Isolation and Quarantine (CIQ) scheme, ARPHS was undertaking daily symptom checks until the case referral was accepted by a CIQ provider. Attachment 1 and 3 include symptom checking questions as per the National Contact Tracing Solution (NCTS).

All COVID-positive cases isolating at home are sent a home isolation pack, which includes one pulse oximeter per household.

- e. **Monitoring for 'stay home' compliance including any technology used to support this.**

There is no monitoring or technology use as the model is one of high trust.

- f. **Monitoring for 'no visitors' compliance including any technology used to support this**

There is no monitoring or technology use as the model is one of high trust.

- g. **Determining that an individual or group is to be moved to an MIQ facility based on any change in health status or non-compliance with the requirements of at home quarantine**

If a COVID-19 positive case who is self-isolating at home requires medical assistance due to a change in health status, then , pending the outcome of a medical assessment, they may be moved to a hospital. They would not be moved to a MIQ facility.

Should a COVID-19 positive case, who is self-isolating at home, become non-compliant, their case would be assessed by the Medical Officer of Health and may be moved to a MIQ facility.

I trust this answers your request. You have the right 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 freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Dotchin". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Margaret" and the last name "Dotchin" clearly legible.

Margaret Dotchin
Acting Chief Executive