
From: Yuuki Smithers
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 5:25 pm
To: COVID-19 Public Health Intelligence
Subject: RE: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - SME review
Attachments: H202201122 Luke. Response.docx

Hi Cass,

Thanks for providing that context below. Can you please peer review the attached response to ensure you're happy with it.

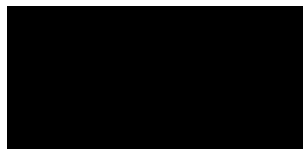
Thanks again.

Yuuki

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From: Cass Maguire <Casidhe.Maguire@health.govt.nz> **On Behalf Of** COVID-19 Public Health Intelligence

Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 10:51 am

To: Yuuki Smithers <Yuuki.Smithers@health.govt.nz>; COVID-19 Public Health Intelligence <S 9(2)(k)>

Subject: RE: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - scoping request

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Nāku, nā

Cass Maguire

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| E: casidhe.maguire@health.govt.nz | A: 133 Molesworth Street, Wellington



From: Yuuki Smithers <Yuuki.Smithers@health.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 21 February 2022 3:46 pm

To: COVID-19 Public Health Intelligence <S 9(2)(k)>

Subject: FW: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - scoping request

Good afternoon PHI,

The OIA team has received an OIA from Luke. for the following information:

“How many patients that have currently tested positive for COVID-19 are in hospital because of the disease? (i.e. COVID-19 infection is the primary reason for hospital treatment).

Please also give a percentage of this group compared with the total number of hospital patients that have tested positive for COVID-19 each day.


Please give figures for Saturday 5 February 2022, and every subsequent day until the Ministry responds to this information request.”

Can you please assign someone to work with me on this OIA and we can get onto scoping the request. I'm also interested to know if there are any other areas that are likely to hold information and should be included in the scoping of this request? I'm happy to send out an email and notify them of the request.

Note** I think this publicly on the Ministry website in the links below. Can you please advise though if this satisfies their request and I can send them an email from the OIA inbox?

<https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-current-cases>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-data-and-statistics/covid-19-case-demographics>

Link	Ref Number	Writer	Subject	Dt Due	Status	Type	DB Number
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If you have any questions or comments on this item, please let me know as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Yuuki

Yuuki Smithers

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From: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 15 February 2022 3:53 pm
To: Yuuki Smithers <Yuuki.Smithers@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Fw: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122

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From: Luke <fyi-request-18459-22d9c32b@requests.fyi.org.nz>
Sent: Saturday, 5 February 2022 13:48
To: OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>
Subject: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations

Dear Ministry of Health,

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Yours faithfully,

Luke

This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website.

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:

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Luke

By email: fyi-request-18459-22d9c32b@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202201122

Dear Luke

Response to your request for official information

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Yours sincerely

Kristin Kalla
**Acting Group Manager, Science, Surveillance and Insights
COVID-19 Health System Response**

Yuuki Smithers

From: Cass Maguire on behalf of COVID-19 Public Health Intelligence
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 9:41 am
To: Yuuki Smithers; COVID-19 Public Health Intelligence
Subject: RE: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - SME review

That looks awesome, thanks Yuuki 😊

Noho ora mai rā i roto i ngā manaakitanga katoa

Nāku, nā

Cass Maguire

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From: Yuuki Smithers
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 4:17 pm
To: Antony Paltridge
Subject: FW: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - peer review
Attachments: Duplicate Information from page 5

Hi Ants,

Can you please review the attached OIA when you have an opportunity. Cass in Science and Insights has provided the context for the response below.

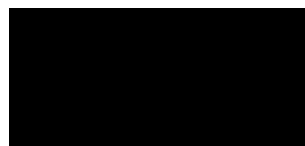
Kind regards,

Yuuki

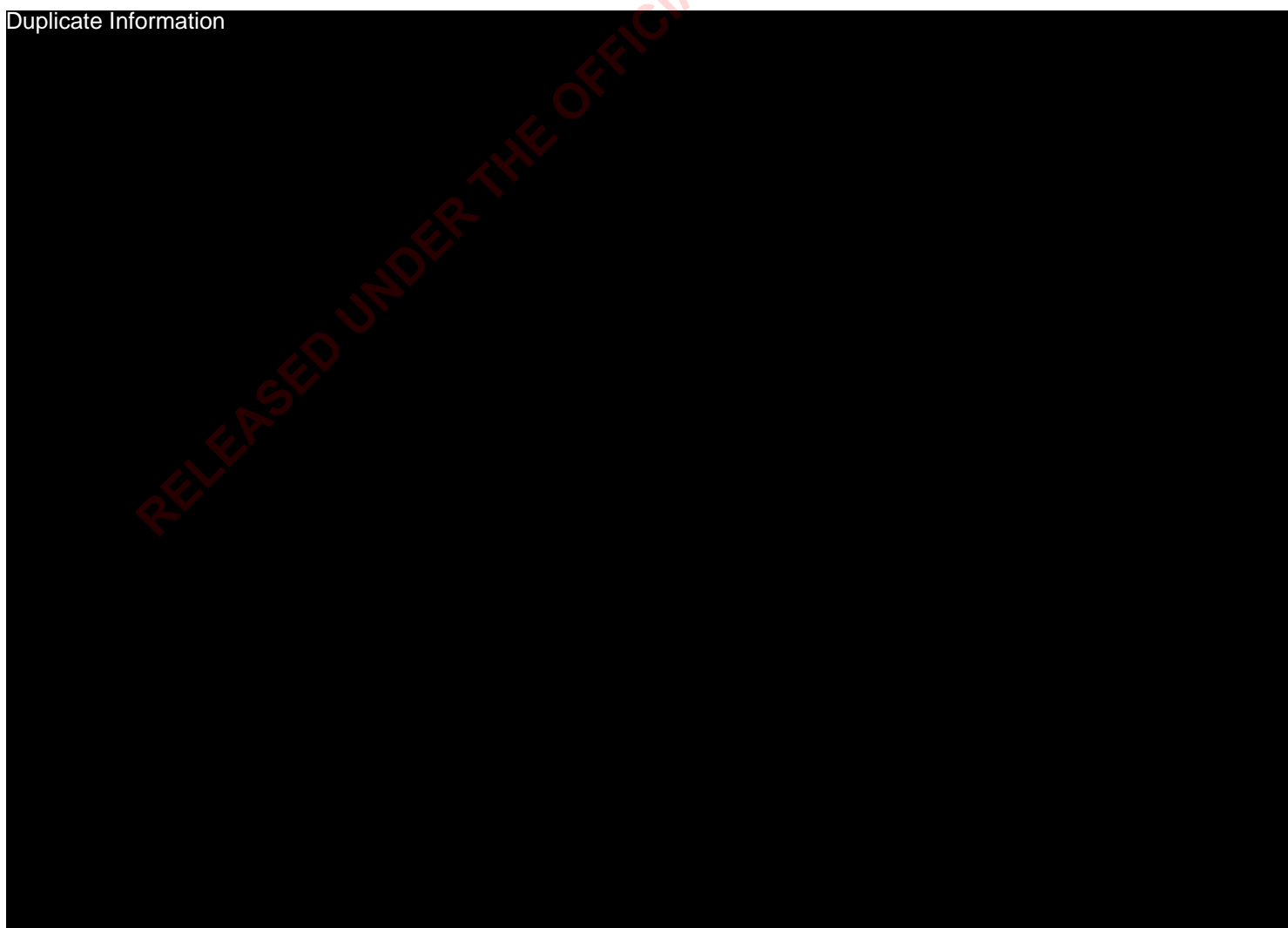
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From: Antony Paltridge
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 4:36 pm
To: Yuuki Smithers
Cc: Jan Torres; Catherine Simpson
Subject: RE: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - peer review
Attachments: H202201122 Luke. Response_ap peer review.docx

Hi Yuuki

A couple of suggestions. I do hope they get the much vaunted "update" done soon as we'll start getting Ombudsman complaints soon.

Cheers

Antony

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From: Yuuki Smithers
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 5:12 pm
To: Cheryse Hope
Subject: FW: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - for Gill's approval/sign
Attachments: H202201122 Luke. Response.docx

Hi Cheryse,

At your earliest convenience, can you please put this through for signing. Hopefully Kristin is still signing. This was approved by Cass Maguire and Antony Paltridge who peer reviewed the response. Not due until 7 March 2022, but as it's a straightforward refusal, if it can be signed out earlier that would be great.

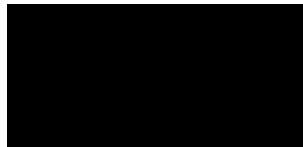
Have a great weekend Cheryse.

Yuuki

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From: Kristin Kalla
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 5:38 pm
To: Cheryse Hope
Cc: Yuuki Smithers
Subject: RE: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - for Gill's approval/sign
Attachments: H202201122 Luke. Response.pdf

Here you go!

Ngā mihi, Kristin

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From: Cheryse Hope <Cheryse.Hope@health.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 25 February 2022 5:23 pm
To: Kristin Kalla <Kristin.Kalla@health.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Official Information request - COVID-19 Hospitalisations - H2022001122 - for Gill's approval/sign

Any chance you have time to quickly read and sign this since it's a straightforward refusal? All good if not, it's due a while from now.

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From: OIA Requests
Sent: Monday, 28 February 2022 1:02 pm
To: Luke
Subject: H202201122 Response to your request for information
Attachments: H202201122 Luke. Response.pdf

Kia ora Luke,

Please see attached the response to your request.

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