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Tēnā koe Scott

Your Official Information Act request, reference H202207285.

Thank you for your email of 31 May 2022 requesting information relating to the COVID-19 privacy impact assessment.

As part of the health and disability system reforms, as of 1 July 2022 the functions previously under the Manatū Hauora Care in the Community team have transferred to Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand (Te Whatu Ora). As the matters you have raised now fall under the functions of Te Whatu Ora, our agency will respond to your request which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested the following:

“ONE: On page 56, an approval process for this tool is apparently referred to:

“Population based clinical risk score field is visible – this is not populated and won’t be until that tool and the clinical implications are signed off by the Director-General”

I would like to request a copy of the decision document presented to the Director-General for his approval for implementation of the tool. If approval was not given by the Director-General, then I would like this to be taken to mean whatever senior-most official in the Ministry granted approval. If the decision document was accompanied by any supporting information I would like to request this as well.

TWO: If a Business Case and/or Implementation Plan was generated for the implementation of this tool, I would like to request copies of them.

THREE: On page 79 a review of the tool, apparently performed by Precision Driven Health, is referred to: “The PDH review notes that this tool was developed based on a cohort of patients which may not reflect reality with the Omicron variant and was for a localised Auckland area outbreak which may not also be reflected nationally.” I would like to request a copy of this review.

FOUR: If any other reviews of the performance of this tool have been conducted, I would like to request copies of them.

FIVE: If the risk of implementing this tool was assessed as per the criteria of the StatsNZ Algorithm Charter Risk Matrix, what was the Risk Rating determined to be?

SIX: What external parties were consulted on the implementation of this tool, before and after its implementation?

SEVEN: If the Care in the Community Data and Digital Advisory Group (CDAG) have produced any briefings, memos or other advice on the topic of the tool, I would like to request copies of them.

EIGHT: I would like to request a copy of the version history of the tool.

NINE: If there is a work programme for the further development of the tool, I would like to request a copy of it.”

Eight documents have been identified in scope of your request. Information within scope of this request is itemised in Appendix 1 of this letter and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The *Risk Score for COVID-19 Call Prioritisation V2.4* is publicly available from:
www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/v2.4_call_prioritisation_model_-_algorithm_information_request_20220720.pdf

The *COVID-19 Risk Score Tool Release 2 Privacy Impact Assessment* is available from
www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/covid_19_risk_score_tool_release_2_pia.pdf.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. You are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at:
www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may decide to proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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Appendix 1: Documents for release

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	15 February 2022	Memo: Briefing on the proposed governance of Algorithms in the Ministry of Health – COVID-19	Released in full.

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
2	16 February 2022	Memo: Supporting our COVID-19 affected communities through a Population-Based Risk Stratification Tool	
3	February 2022	COVID-19 risk calculator	
4	7 March 2022	COVID Algorithm Development	
5	4 May 2022	Evaluating the Risk Score for Call Prioritisation (National V1)	
6	N/A	COVID-19 Care in the Community Risk Score for Call Prioritisation (Version 1)	
7		Risk Score for Call Prioritisation training (NCTS)	
8		Risk Score for Call Prioritisation training (CCCM)	