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Tēnā koe Scout,

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 2 November 2022 for:

“Any documents, emails and communications (internal and external) regarding “Long Covid” and “Home Help”/ “Domestic Support”/ “NASC”

I have identified seven documents within scope of this part of your request. All documents are itemised in Appendix 1 and copies of the documents are enclosed. Where information is withheld under section 9 of the Act, I have considered the countervailing public interest in release in making this decision and consider that it does not outweigh the need to withhold at this time.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



Dr Martin Chadwick
Chief Allied Health Professions Officer

Appendix 1: List of documents for release

#	Date	Document details	Decision on release
1	8 August – 7 October 2022	Email correspondence: NASC funding query	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect privacy of natural persons.
2	4 November 2022	Email correspondence: Long Covid	Released in full.
3	19 April 2022	Memo – Proposed governance structure for the long COVID programme	
4	7 June 2022	Memo - Guidance for the acute phase of rehabilitation of people with or recovering from COVID-19 in Aotearoa New Zealand	
5	9 June 2022	Memo - Work to date on Long COVID	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.
6	13 June 2022	Memo – Adopting a clinical case definition for long COVID	Released in full.
7	28 June 2022	Memo – Request for additional Expert Advisory Group Members for the Long COVID programme	