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By email: [fyi-request-22852-e8007488@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-22852-e8007488@requests.fyi.org.nz)  
Ref: H2023025616

Tēnā koe Simon

### **Transfer of 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 19 May 2023. You requested:

*“Can the Ministry of Health inform whether there is any medical procedure performed in NZ where blood products from COVID-19 unvaccinated individuals is preferentially sort or preferred. Is the Ministry of Health aware of any instances of COVID-19 unvaccinated blood products being preferentially used in medical procedures performed overseas. My interest is restricted to nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). My interest is nothing to do with the safety or efficacy of vaccination with eg Cominarty (Pfizer) but with an improved outcome for any medical procedure when using blood from unvaccinated individuals, whether the individual donor has a confirmed history of natural infection or not”*

The requested information is held by Whakaoranga Tāngata – the New Zealand Blood Service. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to their agency under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from the New Zealand Blood Service in due course.

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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, na



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## **COPY OF OIA REQUEST**

**From:** Simon Brown <fyi-request-22852-e8007488@requests.fyi.org.nz>

**Sent:** Friday, 19 May 2023 10:46

**To:** OIA Requests <oiagr@health.govt.nz>

**Subject:** Official Information request - Preferential use of COVID-19 unvaccinated blood products

Dear Ministry of Health,

Can the Ministry of Health inform whether there is any medical procedure performed in NZ where blood products from COVID-19 unvaccinated individuals is preferentially sort or preferred.

Is the Ministry of Health aware of any instances of COVID-19 unvaccinated blood products being preferentially used in medical procedures performed overseas. My interest is restricted to nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

My interest is nothing to do with the safety or efficacy of vaccination with eg Cominarty (Pfizer) but with an improved outcome for any medical procedure when using blood from unvaccinated individuals, whether the individual donor has a confirmed history of natural infection or not.

Yours faithfully,

Simon B Brown (PhD)