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Erika Whittome

Via email: Erika Whittome <fyi-request-27447-a961fe01@requests.fyi.org.nz>

3 July 2024

Dear Ms Whittome

Official Information Act request dated 1 July 2024

We refer to your email dated 1 July 2024 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**). The answers to your specific questions are set out below.

Request: One News published this article called "8000 health workers kept working despite not being fully vaccinated" written by Ruth Hill dated 3 April 2024 which was based on responses to official information act requests to the Ministry of Health on clause 12A exemptions under the Covid Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021.

The One News article is in archive format here from a snapshot dated 3 Apr 2024: [https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://web.archive.org/web/20240409050624/https://*www.1news.co.nz/2024/04/03/8000-health-workers-kept-working-despite-not-being-fully-vaccinated/__;Lw!!AuqdxLo!hVLPwD6f5A7LaXg8MvvfIAomh6wzJL-dSs4z_1AoEMvenGazhVyKP5ssbnCWh7-HfsLa_TXUA64sb1RNLsg2xOdtDvg26wcQ_TJCKeuigI9NbLkSFDmf\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://web.archive.org/web/20240409050624/https://*www.1news.co.nz/2024/04/03/8000-health-workers-kept-working-despite-not-being-fully-vaccinated/__;Lw!!AuqdxLo!hVLPwD6f5A7LaXg8MvvfIAomh6wzJL-dSs4z_1AoEMvenGazhVyKP5ssbnCWh7-HfsLa_TXUA64sb1RNLsg2xOdtDvg26wcQ_TJCKeuigI9NbLkSFDmf$)

One News has since removed this article from its website after it was published on 3 April 2024. I am requesting the following information:

1. Please would you share the minutes on the decision to remove this article dated 3 April 2024 from the One News website called "8000 health workers kept working despite not being fully vaccinated" written by Ruth Hill.

2 Please share all memos, correspondence, emails, SMS texts, MSTEams chats etc relating to this article and the decision to remove this article from One News website in 2024. This would be in the date range from March up to June 13 2024 which is the date in June that the news article has been clearly removed from the One News website.

Response: This article was published on 1news.co.nz under a licensing agreement between TVNZ and Radio New Zealand. The terms of this agreement allow us to publish specific Radio New Zealand content for a period of 30 days. This article was therefore removed from 1news.co.nz after 30 days in accordance with that agreement. As at the date of this letter, the article remains on Radio New Zealand's website under the byline of the Radio New Zealand reporter, Ruth Hill: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/covid-19/513341/8000-unvaccinated-or-partly-vaccinated-health-workers-were-allowed-to-keep-working>



As you may know, if you are dissatisfied with this response, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman in order to seek an investigation and review.

Yours sincerely,

Official Information Requests Team
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