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Tēnā koe Jackie

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00071007

Thank you for your email on 7 November 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

There were mass events for Covid-19 vaccination on 16 Oct 2021 for the Super Saturday. These were at large venues which would have required event ambulances.

How many event ambulances were required at each super Saturday venues?

How many event ambulances were booked for each event center?

How many frontline ambulances were requested through the 111 call center to respond to the Super Saturday vaccination centers?

Kindly provide the forms for the risk profile of the event at these various premises. For example, a motocross event would require more ambulances than say the quilting convention based on the risk profile of the event taking place.

What was the cost for pre-booking the ambulances for the 16 Oct 2021 Super Saturday events?

Response

Super Saturday took place before the establishment of Health NZ on 1 July 2022.

A general information release about Super Saturday on 2 May 2022 is available at this link <https://www.health.govt.nz/information-releases/super-saturday-and-vaxathon-information> and although there does not appear to be any reference to ambulance requirement at the various vaccination sites in this Super Saturday release, Health NZ understands that some larger vaccination sites may have had an ambulance presence. Many established vaccination sites were expected to see increased volumes but not to the extent that would have required an event ambulance.

Further information about Super Saturday would be held by Wellington Fire Ambulance or St John. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by Health NZ and we have no grounds to believe that the information is either held or connected more closely with the functions of another organisation subject to the Act.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to 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, Health NZ may 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PP P Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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