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Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022007

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 26 January 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. By 1 October, around 74 per cent of Hawke's Bay residents aged 12 and over had received their first vaccination, and 44 per cent were fully vaccinated. What did these figures look like by the conclusion of the programme (25 December)?***

At 25 December 2021 the figures showed 94 percent of Hawke's Bay residents were vaccinated with their first dose of the COVID vaccine and 89.52 percent were vaccinated with their second dose. (Hawke's Bay reached 90 percent on 31 December 2021. You can read the PR about Hawke's Bay achieving 90 percent double dosed here:

<http://www.ourhealthhb.nz/news-and-events/latest-news/hawkes-bay-reaches-90-fully-vaccinated-on-new-years-eve/>)

Hawke's Bay DHB continues to vaccinate those who have not yet had their first, second or booster doses and encourages those who have not yet had their vaccination to do so.

- 2. Do you believe this increase is attributable to the incentive programme offered?***

The DHB believes there was an increase of uptake in vaccinations as a result of the incentives programme.

- 3. How many COVID jabs were delivered in HBDHB through pharmacy in this period?***

Pharmacy clinics delivered 7,094 first doses of the vaccine and 16,386 second doses of the vaccine between the period 1 October and 25 December 2021.

- 4. Is the HBDHB happy with how the incentive programme went? Was it successful?***

The incentive programme ran smoothly and was well received. Vaccine uptake figures were higher on incentive days. Incentives continue to be used in some parts of the programme targeting first and second doses only.

- 5. How much was paid out to providers during this initiative?***

Funding from the Ministry of Health was used through equity funding to support this incentive programme. Equity funding targets groups such as the 18-39 year old age groups and Māori and Pacifica populations. \$316,380 was paid to providers as a targeted approach to encourage resources to be redeployed specifically for vaccination uptake and equity.

6. Is the DHB considering launching a similar programme for boosters?

There is no booster incentive programmes at this time for providers.

7. Is there anything else you'd like to add or mention?

The vaccine rollout has not been possible without a large dedicated workforce both in the clinical and non-clinical space working so hard behind the scenes and within vaccine clinics.

The DHB together with community health providers, iwi, councils and leaders have worked hard together to reach people, no matter where they live.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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