



23 February 2022



Dear 

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about the number of doctors who have resigned since the COVID vaccination mandate for health workers was introduced.

I'm wanting to obtain the number of practicing doctors in Northland currently and the number that have left since the Covid immunisation mandate was put into place. It has been rumoured to be 500 but I wanted to check the robustness of the information I have.

I have interpreted your request to be the number of doctors who are no longer practising medicine in Northland as a direct consequence of the requirements of the vaccination mandate.

Northland DHB does not hold information on the total number of doctors practicing medicine in Northland or the total number who have left Northland since the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for health workers.

While I am unable to provide you with information on Northland's total practising doctor numbers, I am able to provide information on the doctors employed by Northland DHB. As at 3 February 2022 Northland DHB employed 428 medical staff. Since the vaccination mandate for health staff was introduced four medical staff employed by Northland DHB have resigned as a direct consequence of the mandate requirements.

Northland DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist public understanding of how we deliver our services. This includes proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been provided to you. Personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be publicly available we will consider your views.

If you have any queries about Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nick Chamberlain', written over a light blue background.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive