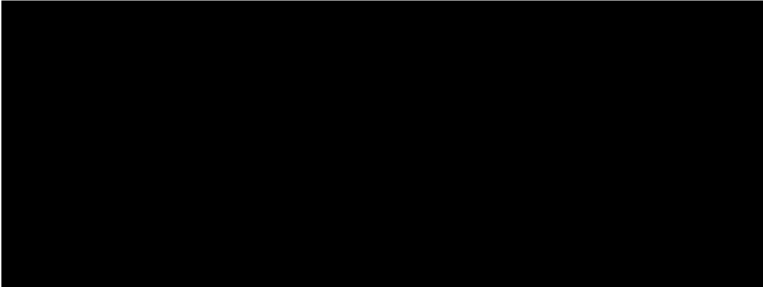


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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 8 August 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

“Cordbank have a question regarding the below that was also on the news and showed Owen Franks being injected with his Stem cells to repair his shoulder injury. The Herald article is also as a link below fyi.

The company doing the expansion of the stem cells from his fat tissue is called ReGen Cellular in Queenstown. We were curious to know if they have a Medsafe Medicines Manufacturing Licence to be able to expand stem cells?”

A list of manufacturing sites that currently hold a Licence to Manufacture Medicines is publicly available on the Medsafe website: <https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/regulatory/licensed.asp>.

ReGen Cellular, Queenstown does not have a Licence to Manufacture Medicines.

The Medicines Act 1981 provides some exemptions regarding the manufacture and sale of medicines. Refer to sections 25 – 34 of the Medicines Act 1981:
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1981/0118/69.0/DLM53790.html>.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review the response to this request.

Please note this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health website

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris James'.

Chris James
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