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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) on 12 September 2022 for information relating to vaccine mandate requirements for New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) interpreters. Please find a response to each part of your request below.

Do NZSL interpreters fall under the vaccine mandates? As at Aug 30th 2022.

The final mandate for government workers ended at 11:59pm on Monday 26 September 2022. This applied to some health and disability workers. NZSL interpreters did not fall under this vaccination requirement.

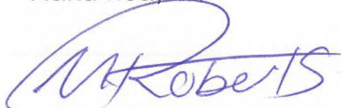
How many NZSL interpreters are no longer practicing within the govt system as a result of the vaccine mandates? How many interpreters have complied with the vaccine mandates? How many still working in the system. Are any unvaccinated NZSL interpreters able to work within the government system?

These parts of your request are refused under section 18(g)(i) as the information requested is not held by Manatū Hauora and there are no grounds for believing it is held by another agency subject to the Act. For more information, you may wish to refer to Sign Language Interpreters Association of New Zealand: <https://slianz.org.nz/contact-us/>. The Departmental of Internal Affairs may also be able to provide you with information related to the numbers of NZSL interpreters currently working in New Zealand.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā



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