

The request is declined on the following grounds under the Official Information Act (1982).

These grounds apply to each of the questions in your request as follows:

- section 6(c) – as releasing this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences
- section 9(2)(c) – as the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public
- section 9(2)(e) – as the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public
- section 9(2)(k) - as the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the use of information for improper gain or advantage.

The public interest in disclosing the information requested does not outweigh these needs to withhold the information.

District Health Boards are committed to the prevention, detection and investigation of cyber threats.

Our protections include limiting the information about cybersecurity activities that we make public, as this could increase the chance of attacks in the future.

It is very important that we protect information about our cybersecurity strategies and methods as much as possible to ensure criminals do not use that information to hinder or bypass our security controls.

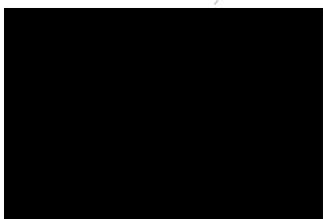
You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman about this decision. Information about how to seek a review is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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