

1 July 2019

Claudia

By email to: fyi-request-10481-fc172b85@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Claudia

Re Official Information Request – Starship child abuse figures

By email of 7 June 2019 you asked under the Official Information Act (OIA) for the following information regarding the Clinical Coding Department of Auckland District Health Board.

1. **What is the annual budget for the Clinical Coding department of Auckland DHB from 2010 to 2019?**
2. **From the commencement of Accelerated Coding Course (ACE) - How many clinical coders in total were trained through ADHB to work for ADHB?**
3. **How many of these trainees were retained by ADHB and what amount in total has been spent on this training till 31st of March 2019?**
4. **Currently, how many fulltime clinical coders in total comprise the ADHB team?**
5. **Of these, how many clinical coders are level 2, 3, 4 and 5?**
6. **Since 2010 how many level 4 and 5 clinical coders have left ADHB?**
7. **Has Clinical Coding work been contracted out of Auckland DHB?**

If yes, then:

8. **Was there a tender process for awarding the contracts?**
9. **How many companies were shortlisted?**
10. **Till 30th of April 2019, what was the amount paid for the Clinical Coding contracts by ADHB?**
11. **Do any full time permanent Clinical Coding department staff currently have or have had in the past any involvement or relationship with the successful company or companies?**
12. **Is there a conflict of interest of any full time permanent staff of the Clinical Coding Department (in any capacity) and the contracting company or companies? If yes, was the conflict of interest declared?**
13. **Have any full time staff (in any capacity) from the ADHB Clinical Coding Department solicited for any company or companies who have been awarded the clinical coding contracts?**

14. Are the contracted coding company or companies and any of their coders based overseas? If yes, then:
15. From which countries outside of New Zealand have the contract coders accessed NZ patients' medical records and documents?
16. How does ADHB protect the privacy & confidentiality of patient records, information & data when accessed by clinical coders outside of New Zealand?

Your request is declined under s18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. However, if you are able to revise your request to be less expansive, Auckland DHB would review that decision.

If you should submit a revised request, please provide evidence of your identity, so we may ensure you meet the criteria for persons who may make OIA requests

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive