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Dear Amy S Van Wey Lovatt

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 17 June 2020 for:

"...Thus, again, I reiterate my request. I respectfully request a list of all of the "relevant authorities" to which physicians must report "unsafe or unethical practices", with the understanding that criminal behavior would be included under either "unsafe or unethical practices".

I also request a copy of all DHB policies in regards to reporting unsafe, harmful, criminal behavior, including the re-routing and interception of private communications, and policies on how they document such incidents and how they are to safeguard against such incidents, as the Operational Framework does indeed require every DHB to have such policies..."

On 23 June 2020, the Ministry transferred the second part of your request to all district health boards (DHBs) in accordance with section 14 of the Act. You can expect a response from the DHBs in due course.

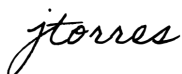
In response to the first part of your request, the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, established the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (the Tribunal), which hears and determines disciplinary proceedings against health practitioners. Any perceived unsafe or unethical practices should be brought to the attention of the relevant authority or the Health and Disability Commissioner.

The Tribunal website has a list of relevant authorities to contact when reporting any perceived unsafe or unethical practices:

<https://www.hpdt.org.nz/About/To-Make-a-Complaint>. For this reason, the first part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely



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