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Dear Amy

### Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) – Response – OIA 2020/109 and H20\_21-73

Thank you for your official information request, which was received by Hutt Valley and Capital & Coast District Health Boards (2DHB) on 30 May 2020. Your request outlined the following points:

1. *Thus, I respectfully request that your DHB make ALL of your DHB policies, protocols and best practice documents publicly available.*

*While on the face of it, my request may seem like a time consuming task; however, this should not be the case. Currently, DHB policies, protocols and best practice documents are held electronically and are available on your DHB intranet (employee access only), and in many cases, there are already hyper-links between policies, protocols and best practice documents. Thus, in order to change the setting to the policies, protocols and best practice documents from private (intranet and employee access only) to public ought to be accomplished by a click of a button (or, at most, a line or two of code). Upon completion, I respectfully request a response with the website address to the DHB policies.*

2. *Is your DHB laboratory and radiology departments, or the agencies your DHB has contract out pathology and radiology services, IANZ accredited?*
3. *In the event that your DHB, or the agencies your DHB has contracted out pathology and radiology services, is IANZ accredited, I respectfully request ALL of the documentation submitted to IANZ for accreditation by your DHB (or contracted agencies) be made publicly available upon your DHB website (or as a link to your contracted agencies website). Again, while this may appear to be a daunting task on the face of it, this information ought to be in electronic form and have been collated prior to submission to IANZ. Thus, again, my request ought to be accomplished by a click of a button or at most, a few lines of code to link the website to the appropriate folder on your internal systems.*

#### Answer to Question 1 and 3:

We have classified questions 1 and 3 of your request as a request for the DHB to alter its practices. We decline this request as it does not meet the definition of official information of Part 2, Section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982.

The DHBs note that proactive release is not required under the OIA, but is consistent with the purpose of the ACT, aligns with Government priorities, and is strongly encouraged by the Ombudsman.

The DHBs are working towards meeting the requirements of proactive release, subject to systems and resourcing to support this. For example the DHBs publish: The 3D Health Pathways; OIA responses and proactive information release (HVDHB); Adverse Event Reports; Maternity Policy and Guidelines (HVDHB) and some policies and procedures, e.g. Child Abuse and Neglect Policy, Pharmacy Contracting Policy (HVDHB) on our websites.

**Answer to Question 2:**

Radiology at CCDHB and HVDHB is not contracted out. They are both internal and IANZ accredited. Laboratory Services are contracted out to Wellington SCL which is fully IANZ accredited.

I trust this information fulfils your request.

You have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or you can free phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief Executive**

**Capital & Coast and Hutt Valley District Health Boards**



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