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Tēnā koe Tessa

**Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00031456**

Thank you for your email on 17 October 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"I have been told by a pathologist that I am on a list of doctors held by Pathlab in the MidCentral DHB whose patients are considered ineligible for funded lab tests because we work with integrative medicine, sometimes called natural, complimentary or holistic medicine. I hold an APC and my patients are eligible for funding elsewhere in the country. I request all information relating to this list: who has compiled the list, which other doctors are on the list and the minutes of any meetings that have been held relating to this list of doctors."*

Te Whatu Ora Midcentral does not currently contract with Pathlab for pathology services. As such, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by Te Whatu Ora.

**How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzOIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@health.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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