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Amy S Van Wey Lovatt

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Dear Amy S Van Wey Lovatt

### **Partial transfer of your request for information to all district health boards**

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

The Ministry does not hold information on the district health board (DHB) policies regarding reporting unsafe, harmful and criminal behaviour, including the documentation and prevention of such incidents. I have been advised that this information is more aligned with the functions of the DHBs. As a result, I have decided to partially transfer the second part of your request to all DHBs under section 14 of the Act. You can expect a response from the DHBs in due course.

Please be advised, the Ministry will provide a response to the first part of your request regarding the list of relevant authorities where physicians must report unsafe or unethical practices.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely



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