



18 March 2021

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**Official Information Act request:**

Further to your letter dated 19 February 2021 made under the Official Information Act 1982.

Specifically, you requested:

1. *Is your DHB currently a registered living wage employer?*

a. *If yes what factors influenced that decision*

Waikato is not registered as a living wage employer.

2. *Are your contractors/sub-contractors currently living wage employers?*

a. *Do you require them to be?*

Waikato DHB does not ask for this information when engaging contractors.

3. *Does your DHB currently have plans to become a living wage employer?*

a. *If so can you describe how far you have progressed?*

Waikato DHB does not currently have any plans to become a living wage employer

4. *What do you see as the obstacles to becoming a living wage employer?*

Any discussions about the living wage would progress in line with government expectations and through discussions with health sector unions.

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely

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