



30 November 2021

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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request: OIA 13879 October 3 correspondence and media inquiries

Thank you for your request for information of 1 November 2021 where you requested the following information from the Waikato District Health Board.

We now respond to your request as follows:

- 1) All emails and documents, written and received, by all members of the Waikato District Health Board communications team FOR October 3, 2021 AND All emails and documents, written and received by the DHB's chief executive Kevin Snee and the DHB's programme lead Maree Munro FOR October 3, 2021.**

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to research and collate the information you have requested, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

We have considered whether charging or extending the timeframe for responding to your request would help, as required by section 18A of the OIA. However, initial investigations indicate this request would require review of more than 600 emails. This would require diversion of key personnel from other DHB responsibilities. This resource is particularly important during the current pandemic response.

- 2) Provide all media requests made in writing or by recorded telephone message, to the Waikato DHB and its media team FOR October 3, 2021.**

We have identified four media requests received on October 3, 2021. Attached is the request received from yourself. The additional requests require consultation with the individuals/media outlets before they can be released. This is underway and documents will be shared with the Waikato Times once approval has been received from those external parties.



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You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to withhold the information. The Ombudsman's postal address is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

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.

Yours sincerely

Nick Wilson
Communications Director