



1 June 2022

Dear Mr

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request for information dated 6 May 2022 for the following documents:

- Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing the risk that an Integrated Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) is granted to a pharmacy in which medicines are co-located (ie, offered for sale within the same physical premises) as alcohol, cigarettes.

RESPONSE – Waikato DHB does not have any such policy documents. This part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested does not exist.

- To the extent your DHB has such a policy document, documents recording any discussion about the potential issues raised by co-location of pharmacies and alcohol and/or cigarettes during the development of the DHB's pharmacy contracting policy.

RESPONSE - As Waikato DHB does not have such a policy there have been no such discussions. This part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested does not exist.

- Any documents showing that the DHB and its personnel took into account and/or addressed the fact that alcohol and/or cigarettes are available for sale within the same premises as a pharmacy when considering the application for an ICPSA by a Countdown Pharmacy. This request is limited to ICPSA applications submitted to the DHB by a Countdown Pharmacy after 1 May 2020.

RESPONSE - Waikato DHB has no such documents. This part of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested does not exist.

- Any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of service agreements it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).

RESPONSE - Waikato DHB complies with the relevant audit and monitoring processes under the Integrated Community Pharmacy Service Agreement.

(ICPSA) Issues based audits are undertaken by the Audit and Compliance team of the Ministry of health

- Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing how it should respond to a failure to comply with the terms of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to address a failure to comply with a service agreement it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).

RESPONSE – Waikato DHB relies on the provisions contained in the ICPSA and the reporting requirements for the various service specifications attached to the ICPSA to monitor the service delivery of the agreement holders.

- Documents recording the DHB's response to any failure by a pharmacy to comply with the terms of its ICPSA. This request is limited to failures since 1 January 2021.

RESPONSE - Waikato DHB relies on the provisions of the ICPSA to enable it to respond to failures to comply with the terms of the ICPSA. However we report there have been no such failures since January 2021

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.

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

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