

29 January 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2020163

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 15 December 2020 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

I request, in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 the following information:

- 1. How many of the 25 confirmed cases of Campylobacter that were reported to the Hawkes Bay DHB during August 2020 had samples, that were taken from the 25 patients, genotyped to confirm with certainty what the source of infection was?***

No genotyping data is available for any of the August 2020 confirmed Campylobacter cases.

Positive samples are currently not routinely genotyped although genotyping can be requested as part of an outbreak investigation. It is also noted that local laboratories routinely discard samples after one week.

In this instance all but one sample of the six confirmed campylobacter cases who reported consuming raw milk in August 2020 had already been discarded by the time epidemiological information became available to identify a possible outbreak. This sample contained insufficient genetic material for genotyping. Campylobacter genotype requests were not made for the remaining 19 cases in August 2020 .

- 2. Copies of the reports of the genotyping performed on the 25 campylobacter cases***

Refer response provided to question 1 above.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602. Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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