

23 March 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021016

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 16 February 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

What are the total numbers of people of living and at risk with Chronic blood disorders (such as Thalassaemia, Sickle cell anaemia and other haemoglobinopathy), their ethnicity and standards of care and support available.

Hawke's Bay DHB does not electronically code or collect information regarding patients' chronic blood disorders. This information would usually be held within the patient's clinical notes.

The work required to retrieve, review and collate the information requested from a vast number of patient clinical notes would need to be done by a health professional employed to provide frontline health services.

This would compromise Hawke's Bay DHB's ability to provide health services and therefore we decline your request under section 18 (f) of the Official Information Act 1982 relating to information that cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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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