

Corporate Services



9 June 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021056

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 15 May 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. How many times has your DHB challenged a coroner's findings after an inquest in each of the following years?**
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- 2. For cases from 2017 onward please give an overview of the case and the name of the patient concerned, what points were challenged, and why and how much did the DHB spend on its challenge in each of these cases?**

In response to question 1, HBDHB has not challenged a coroner's findings after an inquest in the years outlined above. This is due to procedural practices that require the coroner to provide any party that is subject to adverse comment the opportunity to comment before findings are issued. As draft findings are provided to the relevant party/parties for comment before they are finalised, this has resulted in no challenges being made to coronial findings in the years outlined within your request.

In response to question 2, no cases were challenged therefore no details can be provided.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Whyman".

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