

Corporate Services



12 July 2021

(Name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021067

I refer to your Official Information Act request partially transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 21 June 2021 (REF:H202106292) where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- 1. With respect, can Ministry of Health release colonoscopy decline data for the last five years?**
- 2. If possible, it would be good to have this data presented monthly, and as up to date as possible.**
- 3. This data should be presented by DHB area, with raw numbers as well as percentages, please.**

Hawke's Bay DHB does not decline any request for a colonoscopy, where one is clinically required. Referrals for colonoscopy not booked for a colonoscopy are due to the clinician determining the colonoscopy procedure is not clinically the best course of action for the patient.

Furthermore, Hawke's Bay DHB does not hold data showing how many First Specialist Appointments requested a colonoscopy but then did not go on to have one following clinical review. Therefore under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act 1982 relating to information not held, decline to provide a response to your request.

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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