

Corporate Services



6 July 2021

(Name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021069

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 11 June 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

Present and previous contracts/tenders for hospital pathology services, including:

- ***for each current contract:***
 - ***name of the contract (i.e., types of services being provided)***
 - ***name of the organisation/company contracted to deliver the services,***
 - ***contract start date and expected end (or renewal) date,***
 - ***any options for extending the contract,***
 - ***dollar value (per contract), and***

- ***for each previous contract:***
 - ***name of the contract (i.e., types of services being provided)***
 - ***name of the organisation/company contracted to deliver the services,***
 - ***contract start date and end (or renewal) date,***
 - ***dollar value (per contract).***

In response to the current contract for hospital pathology services, Community Laboratory Services is the name of the contract, with Southern Community Laboratories (SCL) Hawke's Bay Limited being the company contracted to deliver the services. The current variation dates are 1 July 2020 and expected to expire 31 December 2021. The agreement will extend from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2023 unless Hawke's Bay DHB notifies SCL Hawke's Bay Limited by the 30 September 2021 that it does not intend to extend the Agreement. If Hawke's Bay DHB provides notice in writing Hawke's Bay DHB shall undertake a competitive market assessment (Request for Proposal or similar) to select a provider of the service.

Your request for the dollar value of the contract is declined under the Official Information Act 1982 s9 (2)(b)(ii), s9 (2)(i) and (j) as making this information available would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of Hawke's Bay DHB, prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities of Hawke's Bay DHB and prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations of Hawke's Bay DHB.

In response to the previous contract for hospital pathology services, Community Laboratory Services is the name of the contract, with SCL Hawke's Bay Limited, being the company contracted to deliver the services. The variation dates for that contract were 1 July 2018 and expiry 30 June 2020.

In regards to the previous contract for hospital pathology services your request for the dollar value of the contract is declined under the Official Information Act 1982 s9 (2)(b)(ii), s9 (2)(i) and (j) as making this information available would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of Hawke's Bay DHB, prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities of Hawke's Bay DHB and prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations of Hawke's Bay DHB.

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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