

# Corporate Services



10 August 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021088**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 29 July 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

***Since January 1 2020, copies of any reports received or held by the DHB that were completed in relation to OPCAT (the United Nations Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) inspections of secure aged care facilities, and copies of any response to these reports.***

On 2 August you sent clarification around your request as follows:

***If helpful, I lodged the below OIA as I read the Ombudsman's report on Covid-19 OPCAT inspections of some aged care facilities:***

**<https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/resources/report-inspections-aged-care-facilities-under-crimes-torture-act-1989>**

***This outlines the fact OPCAT inspections took place from May 27 to June 20 2020: "My Inspectors conducted six inspections of secure aged care facilities in Hastings, Whanganui, Palmerston North, and Nelson, located in the Hawke's Bay, Whanganui, MidCentral, and Nelson Marlborough District Health Board regions."***

Hawke's Bay DHB noted the report and recommendations. The DHB does not hold any additional reports in relation to the OPCAT inspection, other than what is published on the Ombudsman's website. Therefore under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'EF'.

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