

12 May 2020

Kelly Roe

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Dear Ms Roe

Official Information Act Request – Research Output Partial Transfer of request to University of Waikato.

I refer to your requests for information received in three emails; two dated 29 November 2019 and a third email dated 30 November 2019 in which you have asked to be informed of the following:

1) Please inform the New Zealand Public of who the Scholarship recipient was.

This is for the purpose of accountability to make sure that the money the DHB was supposed to spend on equity research is in fact being spent on equity research. That the funds didn't get diverted (for example) on a trip to Hawaii. That way people in the Applied Psychology Department (at least) will know whether the DHB is telling fibs.

2) I also want to know how many University of Waikato Masters Students applied for that District Health Board Scholarship?

Each of them supplied a summary of their research on the understanding that it was for the purposes of being considered for a scholarship / having the opportunity to present research to researchers at the Waikato DHB.

- 3) I want to know how many of these applicants have had hard copies of their thesis lodged in the Library in fulfilment of regulations for their Degree?
- 4) I want to know the names of students who have had their work rejected by the University / the names of students who have had their work detained indefinately by the University and / or examiners external to the University.

Further clarification received via email 17 April 2020:

- 5) The name of the recipient of the award in 2018. This is so I can check it was actually given to an actual real live human. Instead of the money being spent on something else.
- 6) I am requesting to know the date the student started working on their 120 point Masters Research project and the date their thesis was accepted by the University in fulfilment of regulations for the Degree. This is so I can check that their work was credited as their work (rather than the DHB or the University taking time to effectively re-write it for them and otherwise misappropriate their stuff).

The Waikato DHB does not hold information pertaining to the following parts of your request. However, the Waikato DHB believes that this information is held by the University of Waikato.

For this reason, I have decided to transfer these parts of your request under section 14 of the Act to the Waikato University.

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You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review the decisions made by Waikato DHB to partially transfer your request. The contact details are:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
P O Box 10-152
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Yours sincerely

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Waikato District Health Board