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Amy S Van Wey Lovatt

By email: fyi-request-12081-da2414a8@requests.fyi.org.nz
Ref: H202000364

Dear Ms Van Wey Lovatt

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 29 January 2020 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

“According to the Waikato District Health Board Minutes from the Board Meeting on 27 March 2019, the interim CE (or acting CE) was Mr D Wright. According to a Stuff article dated 24 April 2019, Mr Wright was the CE until 27 April 2019, and as of 27 April 2019, Mr Neville Hablous would be taking over as acting CE of Waikato DHB.

Request 1:

I respectfully request the dates between 01 March 2019 and 26 April 2019, in which Mr Hablous was acting CE of Waikato DHB.

Request 2:

Please provide the correspondence from the appropriate authority (e.g., Mr Wright or the Board/Commissioner) which designated Mr Hablous as acting CE of Waikato DHB for each of the dates he was acting CE between 01 March 2019 and 26 April 2019.”

The Ministry of Health does not hold the information you have requested as the district health board (DHB) chairs are responsible for DHB chief executive appointments (interim or permanent). This information would be held by Waikato DHB, under these circumstances, a transfer of the request pursuant to section 15 of the Act is the standard approach. I understand that you have already made the same request to Waikato DHB, for this reason a transfer of your request is no longer necessary.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Yours sincerely



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