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Via email to: [fyi-request-12108-26ab0a13@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-12108-26ab0a13@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Ms Lovett

## **Official Information Act Request – DHB Referral pathway policies**

We received your Official Information Act Request on 1 May 2020, which was partially transferred to us by the Ministry of Health. We are responding to part 1 of your request:

*Request 1: I respectfully request a copy of each referral pathway for each region in New Zealand.*

MidCentral District Health Board does not have a written policy for such referral pathways. We do not decline GP referrals from other DHBs. We return the referral to the DHB of domicile as we have been requested formally to do by these DHBs.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or free phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of it may be published on the MidCentral District Health Board website ten working days after your receipt of this response.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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**Acting Chief Medical Officer**

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