



# MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

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Dear Ms Van Wey Lovatt

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## **Official Information Act (OIA) Request OIA Y20-1108 Publication of all DHB Policies, Protocols and Best Practice Documents**

Your Official Information Act request on 30 May 2020 is acknowledged and was passed on to me for a response.

You have made the following three requests:

### Request 1:

You have requested that MidCentral DHB make ALL of its policies, protocols and best practice documents publicly available.

Your request 1 is refused as the request is not within the scope of section 12(1) of the Official Information Act 1982. The Act does not provide for requests to make substantial amounts of information publically available.

The MidCentral DHB have over 2500 policies, procedures and other guidelines. The website is not currently capable of hosting this amount of material. It is the DHB's desire to ensure all documents the public have a legitimate interest in are publically available and it is working towards digital options to enable this.

### Request 2:

You have requested confirmation that MidCentral DHB laboratory and radiology departments, and the agencies the DHB has contracts for pathology and radiology services, are IANZ accredited?

All MidCentral DHB laboratory and radiology departments, and the agencies the DHB has contracts with for pathology and radiology services are IANZ accredited.

### Request 3:

You have requested ALL of the documentation submitted to IANZ for accreditation by MidCentral DHB and contracted agencies to be made publicly available upon the DHB website.

Your request 3 is refused as the request is not within the scope of section 12(1) of the Official Information Act 1982. The Act does not provide for requests to make substantial amounts of information publically available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parlaiment.nz/>

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johnston', written in a cursive style.

Craig Johnston  
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