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Re: Official Information Act Request – Policy on requests from third party providers of pathology specimens for second opinion

Kia ora Amy

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

You asked:

Request 1:

I respectfully request your DHB's policy on second opinions requested by a third party who is a medical practitioner currently involved in the medical care of the patient from whom the pathological material was originally obtained.

Request 2:

In the event that your DHB deviates from the aforementioned RCPA policy, I request an explanation for why your DHB deviates from best practice.

Hauora Tairāwhiti's response is as follows:

The services described above are contracted by Hauora Tairāwhiti to Medlab Central. Hauora Tairāwhiti is therefore unable to provide the information requested.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response or an edited version of this response may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi

Jim Green
Chief Executive