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Dear Ms Van Wey Lovatt

Official Information Act (OIA) Request IA Y20-567 Policy on requests from third party providers of pathology specimens for second opinion

Your Official Information Act request on 22 March 2020 is acknowledged and was passed on to me for a response.

You have made the following two requests:

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.

Your request is refused under section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist.

The MidCentral District Health Board has no documented 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. All MidCentral DHB clinical staff follow best practice guidance of their relevant professional colleges.

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.parliament.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
General Manager Strategy, Planning and Performance