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Dear Ms Van Wey Lovatt

Thank you for your request for official information received by Ministry of Health on 29 May 2020 and partially transferred to Hutt Valley District Health Board (HVDHB) on 12 June 2020 (i.e. parts 4, 5 and 6). You have requested the following information under the Official Information Act (1982):

*4. A request, for each DHB, the total number of incidents involving an allegation that a member of the public had impersonated a physician, between 1 May 2019 and 31 August 2019, and in the event there were such incidents reported, the date of the alleged incident, the names of the agencies the incidents were reported to, and a description of the evidence provided to support the allegation of the incident.*

*5. A request, for each DHB, the total number of incidents involving an allegation that a member of the public had gained unauthorised access to a surgical theatre or pathology laboratory, between 1 May 2019 and 13 August 2019, and in the event there were such incidents reported, the date of the alleged incident, the names of the agencies the incidents were reported to, and a description of the evidence provided to support the allegation of the incident.*

*6. A request, for each DHB, the total number of incidents involving an allegation that a DHB employee had engaged in the interception of private email communications between a patient and a DHB employee, between 1 January 2019 and 29 May 2020, and in the event there were such incidents reported, the dates of the incidents, the names of the agencies the incidents were reported to, a description of the evidence provided to support the allegation of the incident, and the outcome of the investigation into the incidents (e.g., District or High Court Case Number, Privacy Commissioner ruling, Ombudsman decision, Human Rights Tribunal ruling, etc.)*

**Response**

HVDHB does not have a record of any incidences relating to the above questions during the dates stipulated. I have decided to decline your request under section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information requested does not exist.

Please note, the Ministry of Health will be responding to parts 1, 2 and 3 of your request separately.

Thank you for your enquiry. We trust our response meets your requirements; however, should you require any further information please feel free to contact us again.

You have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, to seek a review by the Ombudsman of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fionnagh Dougan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Fionnagh Dougan**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Capital & Coast District Health Board**