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Tēnā koe Anthony

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-008998

Thank you for your email of 11 February 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *please provide a copy of the Accredited Baseline Concussion test*
- *please provide evidence to indicate the test is congruent to International standards*

Our response

There is no ACC accredited baseline concussion test. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain this information does not exist.

However, we can provide some information that may be helpful.

In the context of sport; some teams do implement baseline testing as a benchmark so that when a player has sustained a concussion there can be some evaluation of the cognitive and physical impact of the injury. These tests are not 'accredited' but they are based on the *International Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport*. This is currently implemented at the discretion of each sport or team.

In a clinical context (ie once the concussion has occurred) there are existing, validated concussion assessment tools for clinical use, but there is not currently a standardised approach. Please note that these assessment tools are not diagnostic; they aid the clinician's decision making and the management of the patient. ACC does not accredit any of these assessment tools or outline any specific tests in any of ACC's clinical contracts.

Further information about concussion can be found here:

<https://www.accsportsmart.co.nz/concussion/>

<https://www.acc.co.nz/im-injured/preventing-injury/traumatic-brain-injury-tbi/>

How to contact us

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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