



Health and Disability Commissioner
Te Toihau Hauora, Hauātanga

13 August 2021

NZ Health Justice

By email: fyi-request-16115-1ae21754@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe NZ Health Justice

Re: Information request
Our ref: E21HDC01464

Thank you for your email of 18 July 2021 requesting:

“Emails and text messages between Deputy Commissioner Rose Wall and Josephine Gagan, CEO of NZ Health Group/HealthCare NZ Limited since September 2020.

For the avoidance of doubt, we refer to Ombudsman Case 439322 (2017) and request that your search include both private email accounts and personal devices.

Please also provide a record of meetings and phone conversations between Ms Wall and Ms Gagan since September 2020. Again, we refer to the Ombudsman's decision in Case 43932.

We further request that you disclose whether or not Ms Wall has declared any conflicts of interest regarding Ms Gagan.”

Thank you too for confirming on 12 August 2021 that you are in New Zealand and hence meet the requirements for making an Official Information Act request.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Please find **enclosed** a copy of the information requested. These comprise the notes of two meetings between Deputy Commissioner Rose Wall and Josephine Gagan, Acting Chief Executive of HealthCare NZ, dated 19 November 2020 and 22 April 2021, and an email received 29 March 2021 to which Ms Wall did not reply. The email was sent to an administrator to schedule the meeting of 22 April 2021. We can advise that there are no other meetings, meeting notes, email exchanges, phone conversations or text messages between Ms Wall and Ms Gagan.

HDC can also advise that Ms Wall has declared no conflicts of interest in relation to Ms Gagan.

Information withheld

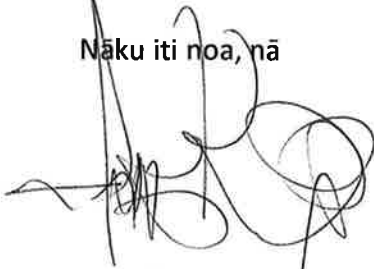
Please note that I have withheld the following information:

- Personal information of an individual pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act in order to protect her privacy.
- Organisational and operational matters pursuant to section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act in order to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

In relation to the information withheld, I am of the view that the reasons outlined above are not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make this information available.

You may seek a review of this decision from the Office of the Ombudsman.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jane King', written over a faint, illegible stamp or background.

Jane King
Associate Commissioner Legal

Enc Email received 29 March 2021
 Meeting note 19 November 2020
 Meeting note 22 April 2021