

16 July 2014

Kevin McCready
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Dear Mr McCready

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 10 July 2014 requesting the following information regarding ACC's 10 July 2014 response to your previous 16 June 2014 request:

1. Re which acupuncture and Chiropractic "modalities" are funded, you said the information was available on your website under the heading "ACC payment for services". An advanced search on your website for this exact phrase gets 200 hits. Would you be so kind as to provide me with the link to which you refer.
2. I asked who the experts were and you failed to tell me. Will you please provide me with the names and qualifications of your research team which did the 2011 literature review of acupuncture. Please provide me with a copy of their report, any recommendations they made and any material which will help me understand their decision. Were members of your research team unanimous on each recommendation and if not so, please provide dissenting conclusions and reasons.
3. A) Other than for musculoskeletal pain, do you fund acupuncture for treatment of any other conditions? B) Do you limit payments for musculoskeletal pain to chronic neck and chronic shoulder pain? C) Do you fund acupuncture for non-chronic pain? If the answers to any of these three questions is yes, please provide the scientific reasons for your decision to continue to do so.
4. You have failed to address my questions in regard to chiropractic. Will you please do so as restated here: upon what scientific evidence do you continue to fund some chiropractic "modalities" and exclude other chiropractic "modalities". What are the names and qualifications of the experts on whom you rely for such decisions. Please provide me with a copy of any report, any recommendations and any material which will help me understand your decision to continue funding chiropractic "modalities". Were your experts assessing chiropractic unanimous on each recommendation and if not so, please provide dissenting conclusions and reasons.

ACC is working on your request and will be in touch with you as soon as possible, and certainly by 7 August 2014.

Please contact me on Lisa.White@acc.org.nz if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Requesting official information

Information on ACC and how we do our business is called official information. This includes a wide range of materials, such as written documents, tape recordings, electronic files and manuals, e-mails, books, maps, drawings, video tapes and films, as well as information on other people.

How do I ask for the information?

You can call, write or email. We'd prefer you to write as this means we will both have a clear record of the information you want. Please remember to give us as much detail as possible.

Will it cost me anything?

On rare occasions, we may ask you to pay if you've asked for large amounts of information. We'll always let you know how much it'll be before we start working on your request, and we'll usually ask you to pay some or all the charges before we begin work.

How long will I have to wait?

When possible, we'll get the information to you within 20 working days of receiving your request. We'll always let you know if it's going to take longer.

What if ACC isn't able to give me the information?

We'll always write and let you know why we aren't able to give you the information. Sometimes we may not have the information you want, but know other government agencies which do. If this happens, we'll transfer your request to them and let you know who will handle it.

Relevant legislation

ACC complies with the Official Information Act 1982, which sets out how to request information, timeframes for delivery to you, and how much it may cost.

Questions, concerns, or want to know more?

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to the person you've been dealing with, or their manager.

If you're still not happy, or you're not comfortable talking to the person involved or their manager, please call our Customer Support Service on 0800 650 222 between 8am and 5pm weekdays. They'll be happy to answer your questions and will make every effort to sort out any problems. They'll talk to you about your options, including talking to our Privacy Officer or lodging a complaint.

If we're unable to meet your concerns, you may want to contact the Office of the Ombudsmen on 0800 802 602 or www.ombudsmen.govt.nz

If you'd like to know more, you may be interested in the following information:

For information on...	see the information sheet...
official information and how to request it	Requesting official information
how we collect and use your information	Collection and disclosure of information

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