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Tēnā koe Chris

**Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00029624**

Thank you for your email received by Te Whatu Ora on 8 September 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please see our response below.

*“[1] Could I request a copy of any plans or drafts received and a copy of any reports/draft papers or internal documents that review them and/or identifies options or pathways to funding according to any provisions being developed to deal with incoming locality plans and resulting decisions”*

For locality plans, according to section 55 of the Pae Ora Act 2022, “Health New Zealand must develop a locality plan for each locality” and “a locality plan is made ... when it is agreed to by Health New Zealand, the Māori Health Authority, and the relevant iwi-Māori partnership board or boards”. This will occur by 1 July 2025.

Please note, no plans or draft plans currently exist. No reports/draft papers or internal documents to review plans exist as no plans or draft plans currently exist to review. No reports/draft papers or internal documents that identify options or pathways to funding exist. Therefore, your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

*“[2] Could I have a copy of the procedure being used to process the draft locality plan of the Taikorihī Locality Partnership Group, a copy of the draft plan and any information that indicates its progress towards funding decisions or otherwise.”*

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

**How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzOIA@health.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@health.govt.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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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