

11 June 2015

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Dear Mr Jordan

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 12 May 2015 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982:

*Please provide the guidelines and Evidence Based Practises that the Corporation has used over the history since its establishment for the above injury classes [‘Mild’ Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion Syndrome Guidelines]*

As per ACC’s email of 25 May 2015, this request seeks a large quantity of information and is likely to require substantial collation and research. As advised, ACC was of the view that it may be able to avoid declining your request if you refined the amount of information you are seeking, and returned with a narrowed request so that it can be considered under the terms of the Act. ACC sought a response by 2 June 2015.

In your response dated 8 June 2015 you reiterated your original request in full. ACC therefore is declining your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as in its current form it would take substantial collation and research to address your request.

In addition, ACC advises that information on current guidelines and best practice used is already publicly available.

Guidelines on evidence-based recommendations for best practice in diagnosis, acute management and rehabilitation after traumatic brain injury, developed by the New Zealand Guidelines Group in collaboration with ACC, can be found on the Ministry of Health’s website [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz) under *Publications*.

Concussion guidelines can be found on ACC’s website [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz) under *Preventing Injuries>Playing Sport>Common Sports Injuries*.

Other evidence-base practice information produced by ACC is available in the document *Rehabilitation Issues in Mild TBI (November 2006)*. This can also be found on ACC’s website under *For Providers>Clinical Best Practice>ACC Review>2006*.

Please note that under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman. You can call them on 0800 802 602, 9am to 5pm weekdays, or write to *The Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10 152, Wellington 6143*.

Yours sincerely

**Government Services**