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Tēnā koe Rodney

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00074208

Thank you for your email on 5 December 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Inphysec undertook a report into the Waikato DHB data breach. The data systems breached were not isolated to Waikato DHB. Since this is a public request, I won't detail those systems, nor the implications, at this stage.

Outline the security classification of these government data systems. Provide the risk assessment on Waikato's IT systems, on the national health IT systems, and provide the updated risk assessment based on the extensive job and project cuts planned and undertaken already, within Health New Zealand.

Outline what, if any, delays there are to addressing the ongoing risks to New Zealander's data.

Response

The information you have requested on Waikato district's IT systems and on national health IT systems is withheld under section 9(2)(c) of the Act, to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public.

You have also requested an updated risk assessment based on "*the extensive job and project cuts planned and undertaken already, within Health New Zealand*".

In relation to future changes to roles in the Data and Digital area, we are currently consulting on a proposal and no decisions have been made. The Act does not require an agency to form an opinion or create new information to answer a request. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the Act.

In relation to data and digital programmes and projects, these have been prioritised in accordance with the annual capital planning exercise. This is not part of the current change proposal, and is out of the scope of your request for information related to "*the extensive job and project cuts planned and undertaken already*".

In relation to cyber security, we can advise that there are no delays at this point. The Cyber Security Uplift programme was completed in June 2024. We are delivering the security services that were developed through that programme and we have approved a minimum critical cyber improvement programme that runs until the end of this financial year, June 2025.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@tewhaturora.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 or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gaynor Bradfield', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gaynor Bradfield

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Data and Digital