



11 May 2017

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Dear Dr Goodwin

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request for information of 11 April 2017 for:
“all internal memoranda and internal emails from December 2012 to March 2017 pertaining to the topic of “private Cancer Services”. This can be limited to memoranda and emails between Oncology Consultants, and mid to upper level administrators, including former Waikato media-relations personnel. “

Under the Official Information Act 1982, a request for information must be responded to as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than 20 working days after the request is received. Under section 15A of the Act in certain cases this time limit may be extended.

I am writing to inform you that pursuant to section 15A of the Act, Waikato DHB is extending the time it will take to respond to your request. We will now respond to your request by 26 May 2017. This is because your request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of Waikato DHB.

Under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), Waikato DHB may also impose charges for the time taken and resources used in dealing with a request. At present we generally charge where a request is likely to take more than 4 hours for a member of the public. Given the broad nature of your request and the fact that we have been unable to contact you to better understand just what material you might be seeking, we have at this stage been collating information from the Oncology Consultants, Executive Director Waikato Hospital Services, Service Manager, Director Medicine, Oncology, Emergency & Ambulatory Care, and the former Media Director. This is the information that will be provided by 26 May 2017. As there is so much potential information relating to national and regional services can we confirm that you are seeking information only relating to Waikato geography?

There could potentially be many hours of work required in excess of the 4 hour allowance. Whilst we will make best endeavours to identify relevant information within the time available, if there are aspects that are not fully covered by our searches we will need to charge for further searches on this matter. Our charges are \$38 per half hour (or part of a half hour) GST inclusive, for all actual time spent after the first four hours for requests by members of the public, plus a charge of 20 cent per page for A4 signed printing if more than 20 pages are to be printed

Collation of this additional information will be deferred until you confirm that you wish the DHB to proceed. If you do, you will be invoiced upon completion of the request.

However, if you would like to refine your request please contact us.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to extend the time to respond and our intention to make these charges for further information. The Ombudsman's postal address is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Paradine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brett Paradine
Executive Director Waikato Hospital Services