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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 28 November 2018, which we received via a partial transfer from the Ministry of Health on 06 December, under section 14 of the Act. They transferred the following 2 parts of your request for information to all District Health Boards:

- **Any District Health Board Seismic Reports for 2018**
- **Any information related to non-structural seismic restraints provided by DHBs.**

In 2017, CMDHB commissioned a Detailed Seismic Assessment (DSA) on the Galbraith Building at Middlemore Hospital, and this DSA Report was submitted in February 2018, with peer review completed by April 2018, and the findings presented to the CMDHB Board meeting in May. The documents are publicly available on our website.

- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/about-us/news-and-publications/media-releases/future-of-galbraith-building-undecided/>

For reference, the full DSA and the Peer Review reports are available via the links below, along with the recommendations arising from them that were presented to the Board to inform decisions:

- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/assets/Documents-for-Media/HOLMES-Galbraith-DSA-Report-09-Feb-2018-FINAL.pdf>
- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/assets/Documents-for-Media/BECA-Galbraith-Building-Independent-Structural-Review-26-04-18.pdf>
- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/assets/Documents-for-Media/Galbraith-Assessment-Update.pdf>

The work on Seismic Assessments is part of our wider programme on Facilities Remediation. This programme is focused on maintaining and fixing our key buildings, and supporting delivery of health services for Counties Manukau. The details of the required programme of work were initially identified as a part of our 2017 Strategic Assessment – Facilities Remediation, available via the link below:

- <https://countiesmanukau.health.nz/assets/About-CMH/Reports-and-planning/2017-Facilities-Remediation-Strategic-Assessment-v2.0-for-publication.pdf>

During 2018, we have commissioned Initial Seismic Assessments for twelve of our buildings. We expect these will be completed during 2019, and may be followed by Detailed Seismic Assessments should that be recommended and approved.

We are also undertaking a suite of independent assessments of our facilities, which have been commissioned to assess key buildings and building-related services (e.g. power and water supply, air conditioning, lifts, fire protection, compliance with statutory requirements), including the maintenance requirements of our existing buildings and equipment into the future. CMDHB has commissioned Beca Ltd to complete a “building services infrastructure review” of all assets located in facilities at Middlemore, Manukau and Pukekohe.

We provide twice-yearly reporting to the Ministry of Health on Seismic Assessments (Structural and Non-Structural). In terms of non-structural seismic restraint of building elements, this is a much more difficult task as much of that relates to building services (for example, in ceiling spaces that are not readily accessible in a hospital while providing services, and these are normally be dealt with during periods of substantial alteration). Any recent new facility building works carried out at CMDHB have included requirements to meet the current seismic restraint standards.

We attach a copy of the CEO assurance letter and the most recent report submitted to the Ministry of Health (**Appendix 1**). Regarding non-structural restraints, in our mid-2018 submission, we noted the following.

“Non-structural restraints issues; and proposed timeframes for remediation

Integral within our Facilities remediation programme is an assessment of our facility’s compliance with the recent 2014 Building Act [2016 amendments]. Our review is currently ongoing and where facilities remediation/ modernisation programme involves notifiable works (no excepted under schedule one), we are developing seismic remediation work packages, which include the full spectrum of seismic restraint. Quantification and qualifications of the extent of the seismic restraint works envisaged will be notified quarterly through progressive 2018/19 seismic reports”.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. Please contact us if you require further information. If you are not satisfied with this response, you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,



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