

30th June 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request for – Cyber Security

I write in response to your Official Information Act request received by us 1st June 2021, you requested the following information:

Copies of any agenda or minutes at any governance level, including any audit and risk or similar committee meetings, etc, over the past 3 years, concerning cyber security (may be referred to as IT, or ICT, or information technology) developments

And/or risks

And/or Concerns

And/or Attacks

And/or Interventions

And/or funding

And/or Advice or recommendations or other interaction with ministry or other agencies including CERT, or any arm of GCSB, or of DIA

And/or any review of cyber security done by or for your agency

Pls provide your agency's response/s to Dir Gen Dr Bloomfield's request in mid 2020 (attached) to investing in data/digital, where that response includes reference to security, from when request received till now

Counties Manukau Health Response:

The request is declined on the following grounds.

- Official Information Act Section 6 (c): Releasing this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.
- Section 9 (2) (c): the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public; and
- Section 9 (2) (e): the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public
- Section 9 (2) (k): the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the use of information for improper gain or advantage.

The public interest in disclosing the information requested does not outweigh these needs to withhold the information.

District Health Boards are committed to the prevention, detection and investigation of cyber threats. Our protections include limiting the information about cybersecurity activities that we make public, as this could increase the chance of attacks in the future.

On behalf of the community, it is very important that we protect information about our cybersecurity strategies and methods as much as possible to ensure criminals do not use that information to hinder or bypass our security controls.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau Health website. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. Apa', written in a cursive style.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa
Chief Executive Officer
Counties Manukau Health