

30 June 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – Cyber security risks/attacks over the last three years

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received on 1 June 2021 seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about cyber security risks/attacks over the last three years.

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

Please provide your agency's response/s to Director General of Health Dr Bloomfield's request in mid-2020 to investing in data/digital, where that response includes reference to security, from when request received till now.

On 2 June you requested that the following be added to your request:

Copies of any relevant risk registers that provide info re cyber (ITC, IT, info tech, data and digital) security and/or risks at any time in the last 3 years.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

Your request, above, is declined on the following grounds - Official Information Act 1982 sections:

- 6(c) as releasing this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences

- 9(2)(c) as the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public; and
- 9(2)(e) as the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public; and
- 9(2)(k) as 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.

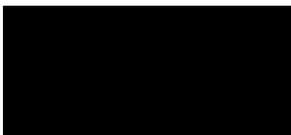
On behalf of the community, it is very important that we protect information about our cybersecurity strategies and methods as much as possible to ensure criminals do not use that information to hinder or bypass our security controls.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman about this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



Chief Information Officer
Waitematā District Health Board