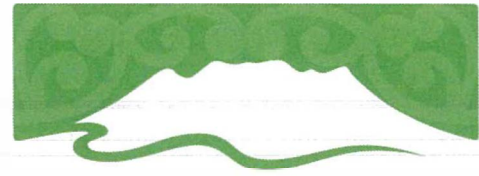


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WHANGANUI
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Te Poari Hauora o Whanganui

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Dear Libby

Official Information Act Request - OIA 13485 Challenges to Coronial Findings

On 15 May 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

"I'm a Waikato-based *Stuff* reporter and this is an Official Information Act request about the number of times DHBs have challenged a Coroner's findings after an inquest. It is being sent to all DHBs.

I would like to know:

- How many times has your DHB challenged a coroner's findings after an inquest in each of the following years?
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- For cases from 2017 onward:
 - please give an overview of the case and the name of the patient concerned
 - what points were challenged, and why
 - how much did the DHB spend on its challenge in each of these cases?"

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

1. How many times has your DHB challenged a coroner's findings after an inquest in each of the following years? 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Whanganui District Health Board has not challenged any coroner's findings.

2. For cases from 2017 onward:

- please give an overview of the case and the name of the patient concerned
- what points were challenged, and why
- how much did the DHB spend on its challenge in each of these cases?"

As above

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely

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