

7 August 2019

William Roberts

Dear William

Official Information Act Request – Impact of Technology Investment

Under section 14 of the Official Information Act, the Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) received a transfer of your request from the Ministry of Health on 10 July 2019. You requested the following information:

“I am researching the impact of information technology investment in health across New Zealand in regards to its impact on access and equity of access to health care. This is with the hypothesis that integrated electronic health records support and promote access to essential health care for the New Zealand population.

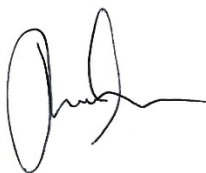
To achieve this, I shall be taking advantage of discontinuities in the stages at which General Practices and District Health Boards have implemented electronic health records. As such, I am requested whether each respective DHB and GP have implemented an electronic health record. For ease of the request I have attached a template with the required information”.

Whanganui District Health Board's response:

Attached in the form of an excel spreadsheet, as requested.

Should you have any further queries, please contact, contact our acting OIA co-ordinator Maree Langford at Maree.Langford@wdhb.co.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Name of DHB	Is an Electronic Health Record in place?	Date of Implementation	Do GPs have access to Electronic Health Record?	Can Patients access any of/all of their Electronic Health Record? Yes - Patients can request hard copy of their records
Whanganui DHB	Yes, however; WDHB also have paper records.	6/8/2016	Yes	
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Name of General Practice	DHB General Practice resides within?	Is an Electronic Health Record in place?	Date of Implementation	Can Hospital Electronic Health Records be accessed?	Can Patients access any of/all of their Electronic Health Record?
GP1	Whanganui DHB	Yes		Yes	Yes/No
Aramoho Health Centre	Whanganui DHB	Yes	21/12/2015	Yes	Yes via Patient Portal and hard copy records
Bulls Medical Centre	Whanganui DHB	Yes	21/12/2015	Yes	Yes via Patient Portal and hard copy records
Gonville Health	Whanganui DHB	Yes	21/12/2015	Yes	Yes via Patient Portal and hard copy records No Patient Portal and yes via hard copy records
Impilo Family Practice Ruapehu Health Ltd (previously Waimarino Health Ltd)	Whanganui DHB	Yes	19/06/2017	Yes	No Patient Portal and yes via hard copy records
Springvale Medical Centre	Whanganui DHB	Yes	21/12/2015	Yes	Yes via Patient Portal and hard copy records
St Johns Medical Centre	Whanganui DHB	Yes	18/10/2017	Yes	Yes via Patient Portal and hard copy records
Stewart Street Surgery	Whanganui DHB	Yes	21/12/2015	Yes	Yes via Patient Portal and hard copy records
Taihape Health	Whanganui DHB	Yes	21/12/2015	Yes	Yes via Patient Portal and hard copy records No Patient Portal and yes via hard copy records
Te Oranganui Whanganui	Whanganui DHB	Yes	21/12/2015	Yes	No Patient Portal and yes via hard copy records
Wicksteed House Medical Centre	Whanganui DHB	Yes	21/12/2015	Yes	No Patient Portal and yes via hard copy records