

30 July 2019

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Dear [Redacted]

**Official information request W19-359**

I refer to your official information request dated 24 June 2019 regarding Electronic Health Records. We received your request on 10 July, when it was transferred to us from the Ministry of Health.

**Request:**

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.

**Response:**

The information you have requested is below.

We are not able to answer on behalf of the GPs. Below is the answer for Wairarapa 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, but the roll out is not complete. It is a work in progress. Different parts of health records are at differing stages of implementation.	The initial electronic health record was implemented in 2006.	In part.	No