

23 July 2018



Dear 

Official information request W18-227

I refer to your official information request dated 11 July 2018.

Request:

I was hoping you could please send me the number of internal sexual harassment complaints the DHB has received in the last 5 years? (by internal staff members who have complained to the Wairarapa DHB about sexual harassment from either staff members or patients at work.)

If you did receive complaints, did any of them result in disciplinary action?

What processes are in place to deal with those complaints?

Response:

The information you have requested is below.

There have been no cases of sexual harassment complaints in the last 5 years.

Should a staff member complain about a sexual harassment event, the process is to log it on our DHB SQUARE event process software and it would be investigated as per our DHB Investigating Incidents and Occurrences Policy. If required the matter may also be referred through to the police.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Wairarapa District Health Board website no less than one week after the response has been provided to you. Any personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. The DHB will endeavour to resolve any concerns you should raise but, subject to any legal grounds for withholding, ultimately reserves the right to publish any information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing line, positioned above the name and title of the signatory.

Adri Isbister

Chief Executive