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Official information request W19-326

I refer to your official information request dated 6 March 2019. Your request was transferred to us by the Ministry of Health on 22 March 2019.

Request:

I would like a detailed breakdown of any and all incidents relating to equipment not being properly sterilised by District Health Boards in 2018 and 2019.

Response:

The Central Sterilising Department (CSSD) at Wairarapa DHB (WrDHB) is confident in its sterilisation processes and equipment and has had no sterilising failures in 2018 and 2019.

Any instances of a breach or near miss in sterilisation processes is captured via our reportable events system.

An appropriately qualified service technician, in accordance with the maintenance contract between WrDHB and the manufacturer, regularly services and performs the annual and quarterly tests required under AS/NZS4187:2014.

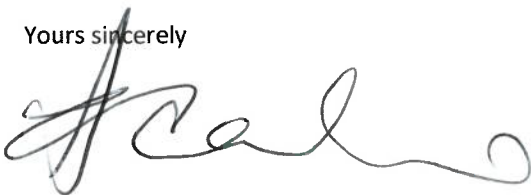
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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely



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