Wairarapa DHB
Wairarapa District Health Board
Te Poari Hauora a-rohe o Wairarapa

21 January 2021

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Dear [redacted]

Official information request W20-552 regarding Wairarapa DHBs art collection

I refer to your official information request dated 21 December 2020 for information regarding the DHB art collection.

Request:

1) How many pieces of art does the DHB own? Art includes any artwork, including drawings, paintings, sculptures, statues, photographs, or any other types of art.
2) Please state what the art is – eg a painting, who the artist is, whether the art was donated or purchased, and the value of the artwork. If a sculpture or statue, what or who does the art depict?
3) If the artwork was purchased, how much did it cost to buy and when was it bought?
4) What is the combined total value of all of the DHB's art?
5) Where is the artwork housed? Eg, which hospital, building, wing, ward?
6) Has the DHB ever donated or loaned any art and if so to who, when, for how long and why?
7) Is the art insured and if so for how much? Has any art ever been stolen and if so was it recovered?
8) Has any of the art ever been damaged and repaired and if so when, and how was it damaged?
9) Has the DHB ever undertaken and art audit and if so when?
10) What is the benefit to patients of the artwork?

Response:

While Wairarapa District Health Board gratefully receives, on occasion, donated artworks we do not have an art 'collection' per se. Our locally grown wall hangings are not of any significant financial value and are not catalogued in any asset register. Neither are they insured or audited.

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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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