



20 December 2021



Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – Number of electrical switch rooms with fire suppression systems

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 26 November seeking information from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) about the number of electrical switch rooms that have fire suppression systems.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā is the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country, serving a population of around 650,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 8,600 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing care to our own resident population, we are the Northern Region provider of forensic mental health services and child rehabilitation services, plus the metro Auckland provider of child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

In response to your request, we are able to provide the following information:

- 1. Please advise how many of your electrical switch rooms have fire suppression systems.**
- 2. If there is a fire suppression system what type of system, e.g. water sprinklers, gas flood, or other system. If nothing, then nil.**

We are providing a combined response to questions 1 and 2. We have interpreted your request as relating to buildings owned by Waitematā DHB.

At North Shore Hospital, Waitakere Hospital and the Mason Clinic (regional forensic psychiatric services), the rooms which house main switch boards (MSBs) total 11. All are fitted with fire suppression systems.

Waitematā DHB's fire suppression systems are primarily water sprinklers and these systems are supplemented by hand-held fire extinguishers.

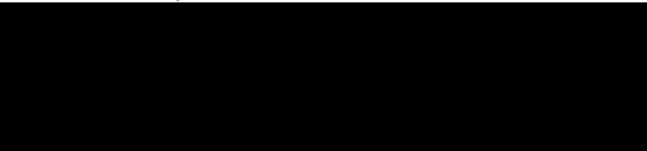
An office building owned by Waitematā DHB at 3 Mary Poynton Drive, Takapuna, has a switch board room protected by smoke detectors (as is the entire building) and hand-held fire extinguishers.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Waitematā DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publicly funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider your views.

Yours sincerely



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