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Dear



Re: OIA request - Community pharmacy contracts

Thank you for your Official Information Act request transferred to us from Technical Advisory Services (TAS) on 27 May requesting information about Community Pharmacy Anticoagulation Management Service (CPAMS) from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

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

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 7,500 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

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

How many new CPAMS contracts has your DHB granted each year since 2015?

TAS will provide the response to this question.

2. How many applications for new CPAMS contracts has your DHB received each year since 2015?

Waitematā DHB invited applications from pharmacies in 2015 and 2016 to provide CPAMS. Eleven applications were received in 2015 and one application was received in 2016. No further applications have been invited or received since 2017.

3. How many expressions of interest in applying for a CPAMS contract has your DHB received each year since 2015?

Some pharmacies have informally expressed an interest in providing the service outside of the invitation process. We do not keep a record of informal expressions of interest and, therefore, do not hold this information.

I trust that the information we have been able to provide 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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