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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: OIA request – He Puna Waiora reviews**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 23 July 2018 seeking the following of Waitematā District Health Board (DHB):

- *A copy of the reviews of He Puna Waiora initiated after the deaths of two patients in May.*

In response, I can advise that the independent panel members have only recently been appointed following discussions with the affected families. As such, the reports that you seek do not yet exist and your request is, therefore, refused under section 18 of the Official Information Act. It is expected that the panels will require at least three months to complete their work and produce reports.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitematā DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare. If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman, whose contact details can be found at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susanna'.

**Dr Susanna Galea-Singer**  
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