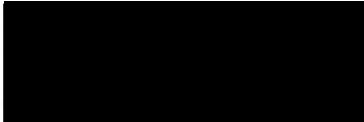




26 August 2020



Dear 

**Re: OIA request – Copy of directives regarding Oranga Tamariki**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 6 August seeking information about directives regarding Oranga Tamariki from Waitematā District Health Board (DHB).

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

- 1. A copy of any directives issued by Dale Bramley to Waitematā DHB midwives since January 1, 2019 relating to Oranga Tamariki 'uplifts', which is a euphemism for the removal of children.**

The directive referred to was the DHB statement issued on 12 June which was shared with our Director of Midwifery on the same date and was fully supported by the Board.

The statement reflects Waitematā DHB's approach, fully supported by our board.

I trust that this clarification 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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