

1 May 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – remediation of fire-stopping deficiencies

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request received 2 April 2019 seeking the following of Waitemata District Health Board (DHB):

- *What its overall approach is to remedying fire-stopping deficiencies*
- *Also Please advise re following:*
 - *In which period were these identified (when assessments began, to when ended)?*
 - *How many deficiencies in total have been identified?*
 - *Have all DHB buildings that patients used been assessed?*
 - *When did fixes begin?*
 - *Are all fixes complete?*
 - *How many remain to be done?*
- *Please advise of the budget for this fire-stopping remediation*
- *Please advise if the DHB is looking at getting any reimbursement for this outlay, eg from a contractor if the work wasn't up to scratch in the first place*

These questions were submitted following our 19 March response to a separate OIA request for reports on passive fire safety measures since 1 January 2018. The 19 March response provided information on the three projects that were completed in the time period indicated in your original request: Waitakere Hospital CT scanner project, North Shore Hospital Surgical Pathology Unit project and the North Shore ED x-ray project. Our current response is also in regard to these three projects as we interpret your follow-up questions as relating to the original response.

1) What its overall approach is to remedying fire-stopping deficiencies

In regard to the three projects completed in 2018, our approach to remedying any fire-stopping deficiencies is to follow the requirements of the the New Zealand Building Act 2004, SS15(c) under C1 – C5 and following NZS4520 2010.

In the pre-construction period for a project, a fire report is produced during the design phase by a registered fire engineer for the purpose of producing tender documentation. This is issued as part of the council building consent application.

Where a building consent is approved by council, any deficiencies in fire-stopping must be remedied by the main contractor's passive fire sub-contractor using approved products during the construction phase.

In the construction phase, a fire engineer will sign-off rectification of any fire deficiencies and will supply what is known as a 'producer statement' (PS4) for Auckland Council to approve, allowing either a Certificate for Public Use (CPU) or a Code Compliance Certificate to be issued. All three projects have one of these documents.

2) In which period were these identified (when assessments began, to when ended)?

The three projects that required producer statements for remedying fire-stopping deficiencies were completed in 2018 and the reports were supplied in our previous OIA response to you.

3) How many deficiencies in total have been identified?

This information was provided in our previous OIA response. It should be noted that it is normal for deficiencies to be identified and rectified during a construction project. For the three projects completed in 2018, all deficiencies were remedied prior to the issuing of producer statements and, therefore, prior to being put into use in the treatment and care of patients.

As per our last response, the following deficiencies were identified and rectified before the projects were finalised: Waitakere Hospital CT stages 1, 2 and 3 - 230 deficiencies, North Shore Hospital Surgical Pathology Unit - 32 deficiencies and North Shore Hospital ED x-ray - 23 deficiencies

4) Have all DHB buildings that patients used been assessed?

All three projects have had producer statements issued confirming rectification of the above deficiencies from the contractor and the consultant, and have either a CPU or Code of Compliance issued by Auckland Council.

5) When did fixes begin?

The remediation action points on all three projects were completed in 2018 before the projects were finalised.

6) Are all fixes complete?

All fixes on these projects are completed.

7) How many remain to be done?

There are no outstanding fire remediation issues for these projects.

8) Please advise of the budget for this firestopping remediation

The fire stopping remediation costs were contained within the project budget for the three projects.

9) Please advise if the DHB is looking at getting any reimbursement for this outlay, eg from a contractor if the work wasn't up to scratch in the first place

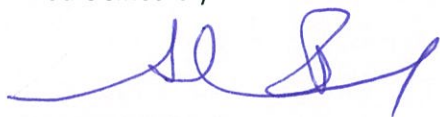
No, Waitemata DHB is not seeking any reimbursements as there are no outstanding issues.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitemata 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.

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

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