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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – Details of inspection programme for passive fire defects and repairs to hospital buildings

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 3 May 2019 seeking the following of Waitemata District Health Board (DHB):

What RNZ is looking to test and report on is firestopping generally across hospital building stock, given that NZ buildings in general are known to have a lot of poor or non-existent passive fire protection

The questions were intended to cover all of Waitemata DHB's building facilities, not just those three constructed recently

I am after the sort of inspection or work programme logs as can be seen in the attachments of material provided by other DHBS in response to similar questions from me.

Details of inspection programme for passive fire defects and repairs to clinical buildings.

In response, I can advise that Waitematā DHB has a rigorous inspection programme for ensuring passive fire protection compliance across our hospital buildings as part of our business-as-usual works programme.

This approach complies with our legal obligations under the New Zealand Building Act 2004 and also the New Zealand Building Code.

This process includes monthly tests of our passive fire systems, which are overseen by external experts, Active Fire Consultants (AFC), which are recognised as registered Independent Qualified Personnel (IQP).

Any defects or need for repairs that may be identified during these regular tests result in the logging of an urgent maintenance request in our internal system, known as BEIMS.

Any BEIMS requests are actioned quickly and AFC conducts on-site inspections to sign-off this work as having been completed to standard.

AFC also conducts an annual inspection of our buildings and produces a report, including any recommendations or requirements for remedial works. This process includes careful examination of the DHB's own inspection and repair records. This report, and the completion of any works, are required for the issuing of a 12A certificate for passive features.

AFC examines compliance with regards to emergency lighting, access-controlled doors, passive systems including signs for installed systems, exit signs, fire and smoke separations, final exits/means of escape, safety barriers and means of access for people with disabilities.

Another independent expert in the area of passive fire compliance, Opus International, receives documentation from AFC and the DHB. It verifies that all information is correct to ensure our buildings are compliant with Auckland Council's annual Building Warrant of Fitness (BWoF) requirements.

Documentation is then submitted to Auckland Council, which confirms its acceptance of BWoF compliance.

Please see the enclosed documentation demonstrating Waitematā DHB's compliance with the process outlined above. Areas referring specifically to passive fire have been highlighted for ease-of-identification:

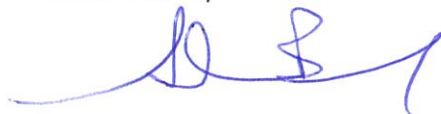
1. Building Warrant of Fitness (BWoF) process (Appendix 1)
2. 12A Building Forms (Appendix 2)
3. Compliance Schedule sign off for passive fire (Appendix 3)
4. Defects and repairs in BEIMS (Appendix 4)

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.

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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