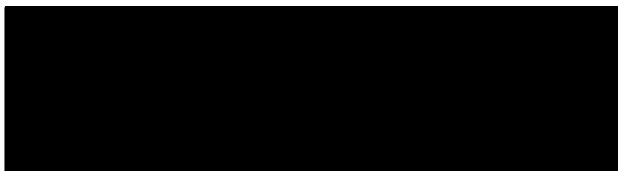


4 July 2019



Dear 

**Re: Official Information Act Request - Primary health provider contract terminations**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act, partially transferred from the Ministry of Health, received on 18 June 2019 seeking the following of the Waitematā District Health Board (DHB):

*How many primary health providers (general practices) have had their Back to Back contract terminated by a primary health organisation for failure to achieve Foundation Standards during the period January 2017 to the present day.*

In response, there are 97 general practices in Waitematā DHB serving a total enrolled population of 532,711. We have replied to your questions with the summarised information received from the PHOs operating in Waitematā DHB: Comprehensive Care and ProCare.

**1. How many primary health providers (general practices) had not achieved Foundation Standard certification by 1 July 2017:**

Waitematā DHB
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**2. When those primary health providers (general practices) achieved Foundation Standards:**

Providers (General Practices)	Waitematā DHB Dates
Practice 1	Foundation 20/8/2017
Practice 2	Foundation 3/10/2017
Practice 3	Cornerstone 23/7/2018
Practice 4	Cornerstone 2/9/2018
Practice 5	Cornerstone 24/5/2018
Practice 6	Cornerstone 16/10/2018
Practice 7	Cornerstone pending with RNZCGP

*NOTE: The PHOs monitor the Foundation Standard criteria within the Cornerstone Accreditation to ensure that practices meet Foundation Standard.*

The PHOs ensured the DHB was kept up-to-date regarding the progress practices were making to meet the required Foundation Standard. The DHB granted extensions, with the main reasons

being where practices changed ownership or were experiencing delays due to the non-availability of Cornerstone Assessors (through the College of GPs). Practice seven is working closely with their affiliated PHO to gain Foundation Standards after a change in circumstances.

**3. Do any primary health providers (general practices) who are required to hold Foundation Standard certification not currently hold that certification?**

Waitematā DHB
No

**4. Did any primary health providers (general practices) have capitation-based funding withdrawn as a result of not having achieved Foundation Standard by 1 July 2017?**

Waitematā DHB
No

**5. Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act – memorandums, emails, letters, minutes of meetings, etc relating to the termination of such contracts. (*attach these please*)**

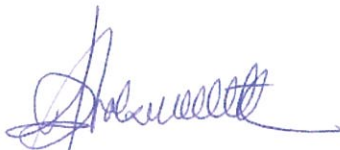
Not applicable as no contracts have been terminated.

I trust that this information meets your requirements. The 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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