

4 August 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: OIA request – Copies of documents related to Oranga Tamariki

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) on 9 July seeking information requesting copies of documents related to Oranga Tamariki.

Before responding to your specific questions, it may be useful to provide some context about our services.

Waitematā DHB serves a population of more than 630,000 across the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney areas, the largest and one of the most rapidly growing DHBs in the country. We are the largest employer in the district, employing around 7,500 people across more than 80 locations.

In addition to providing services to our own population, we are also the metropolitan Auckland provider of forensic psychiatry, child disability services, child community dental services and community alcohol and drug services.

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

With respect, I request the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act 1982: A copy of any letters, emails, telephone call logs or meeting notes sent or received by staff on 12 June 2020, relating to Oranga Tamariki removals of children, sometimes euphemistically and incorrectly referred to as 'uplifts', from Waitakere Hospital.

Appendix 1: Documents for release

Document	Title	Decision on release
1	FW Draft note from Dale and Judy to the Board	Released in full
2	FW Notification to the Board	Released in full
3	Re: Notification to the Board	Released with some information withheld ¹
4	RE RNZ query on Oranga Tamariki	Released in full
5	Notification to the Board	Released in full

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17	Media Statement	Released in full
18	RE: statement	Released in full
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21	Re: [Names redacted]	Released with some information withheld ¹
22	FW: Media statement for your information	Released in full
23	Re [Name redacted]	Released with some information withheld ¹
24	Update for [redacted]	Released with some information and attachment withheld ¹
25	[Redacted] discharge	Released with some information withheld ¹
26	RE: Maori social service provider Te Whanau o Waipareira and the...	Released in full
27	Re NZ's Children's Commissioner Judge Andrew Becroft is calli...	Released in full

¹ Under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decisions taken in providing this response. Information about how to seek a review is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

I trust that this information 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



Mark Shepherd
Director Provider Healthcare Services
Waitematā District Health Board

From: Matthew Gray (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 11:08 a.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Subject: FW: Draft note from Dale and Judy to the Board

Hi Matt

The attached draft note to the Board was done at Dale's request in your absence and is now with Judy for feedback....

Thanks

Matt

Matthew Gray | Deputy Director – Communications | Waitemata DHB

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From: Matthew Gray (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 10:54 a.m.
To: Dale Bramley (WDHB)
Cc: Peta Molloy (WDHB)
Subject: Draft note from Dale and Judy to the Board

Amended version attached...

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Ngā mihi

Dr Dale Bramley Professor Judy McGregor

From: Matthew Gray (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 11:12 a.m.
To: Shelley Ashdown (WDHB)
Subject: FW: Notification to the Board

FYI

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From: Peta Molloy (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 11:11 a.m.
To: Allison Roe; Chris Carter; Edward Benson-Cooper; John Bottomley (WDHB); Board Chair (WDHB); Judy McGregor - AUT; Kylie Clegg; Max Abbott; Renata Watene; Sandra Coney; Warren Flaunty
Cc: Dale Bramley (WDHB); Andrew Brant (WDHB); Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Matthew Gray (WDHB)
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Chief Executive Board Chair

Waitemata DHB

From: Kylie Clegg [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 11:19 a.m.
To: Peta Molloy (WDHB)
Cc: Allison Roe; Chris Carter; Edward Benson-Cooper; John Bottomley (WDHB); Board Chair (WDHB); Judy McGregor - AUT; Max Abbott; Renata Watene; Sandra Coney; Warren Flaunty; Dale Bramley (WDHB); Andrew Brant (WDHB); Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Matthew Gray (WDHB)
Subject: Re: Notification to the Board

Thanks Peta and Dale,
Supportive of this approach.
Kylie

On 12/06/2020, at 11:10 AM, Peta Molloy (WDHB)
<Peta.Molloy@waitematadhb.govt.nz> wrote:

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From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 11:54
To: 'Mackenzie Smith'
Subject: RE: RNZ query on Oranga Tamariki

Hi Mackenzie

I will come back to you soon.

Kind regards
Matt

From: Mackenzie Smith [<mailto:Mackenzie.Smith@rnz.co.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 10:57 a.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Subject: RNZ query on Oranga Tamariki

Hi Matthew,

I've just heard from Dame Naida Glavish this morning that WDHB has a policy to prevent all uplifts of children by Oranga Tamariki at its hospitals. Can you confirm this is the case, and that WDHB has the authority to do so?

Thanks,

Mackenzie

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From: Renata Watene [mailto:renata@occhiali.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 12:05 p.m.
To: Peta Molloy (WDHB)
Cc: Allison Roe; Chris Carter; Edward Benson-Cooper; John Bottomley (WDHB); Board Chair (WDHB); Judy McGregor - AUT; Kylie Clegg; Max Abbott; Sandra Coney; Warren Flaunty; Dale Bramley (WDHB); Andrew Brant (WDHB); Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Matthew Gray (WDHB)
Subject: Re: Notification to the Board

Kia Ora koutou,

I agree, supportive approach is so important for these situations. It unfortunate to see the hospital as the site of resolution. We must advocate for proactive solutions prior to the birthing suites.

Nga mihi

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From: Judy McGregor [mailto:judy.mcgregor@aut.ac.nz]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 12:46 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Subject: Re: Statement for final OK

Matt, finished reading is okay with Dale's suggested changes. J

Sent from my iPhone

On 12/06/2020, at 12:33 PM, Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
<Matthew.Rogers@waitematadhb.govt.nz> wrote:

12 June, 2020

**Waitemata DHB position on removal of babies from mothers by Oranga
Tamariki**

Waitemata District Health Board (DHB) recognises the critical importance on child protection and works cooperatively with agencies such as Oranga Tamariki to ensure the safety of children.

In situations where babies are born in our hospital facilities and Oranga Tamariki seeks to remove the baby from its mother, our approach is to bring the mother and whanau together with Oranga Tamariki to explore what alternatives are possible, including seeking the input of iwi where appropriate.

The DHB is respectful of the law at all times but firmly believes that our hospitals are places of caring and compassion and that the uplifting of babies in the absence of an agreement by whanau has a potentially damaging impact, not just on those directly involved but also on the wider hospital community - including staff and other users of our maternity services.

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From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 1:07 p.m.
To: 'Adam Bennett'; Julian Robins
Cc: Paul.Giles@health.govt.nz; 'Blair.Cunningham@health.govt.nz'
Subject: Waitemata DHB position on removal. of newborns
Importance: High

Hi all. As discussed.

Regards
Matt

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Waitematā DHB Media Line – 09 487 1276

From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:15 p.m.
To: 'Adam Bennett'; 'Julian Robins'
Cc: 'Paul.Giles@heath.govt.nz'; 'Blair.Cunningham@heath.govt.nz'
Subject: RE: Waitemata DHB position on removal. of newborns
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Hi all

There are a couple of small amendments in the final version attached – going out to media at 2.30pm.

Thanks
Matt

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From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 1:46 p.m.
To: 'John Edens'
Cc: Mackenzie Smith; Amy Williams
Subject: RE: RNZ queries on Waitakere Hospital

Hi John

No problem – I will respond very soon to Amy.

Kind regards
Matt

From: John Edens [<mailto:John.Edens@rnz.co.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 1:40 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Cc: Mackenzie Smith; Amy Williams
Subject: RNZ queries on Waitakere Hospital

Hi Matthew,

RNZ's Mackenzie Smith has been working on this story today but is now off duty

RNZ's Amy Williams is working on a story for Checkpoint and we are keen to get a response from the DHB this afternoon about what happened this morning and Dame Glavish's comments.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/418854/no-way-oranga-tamariki-allowed-to-take-babies-from-hospital-waitemata-dhb>

Thks

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From: Sally Page [mailto:Sally.Page@ot.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:04 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Cc: Alison Horwood
Subject: statement

In-Confidence

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Hi Matt

Here are the lines we are putting in our statement re the policy - look ok ?

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There is no agreement with the WDHB that we will not remove babies from their wards
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And can we please have a look at your statement to check they align.

Sally

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From: Alison Horwood [mailto:Alison.Horwood@ot.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:33 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Sally Page
Subject: RE: statement

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Thanks Matt.

We are saying we do **not** have a formal agreement with you to not bring babies from the ward into our care.

Is that correct?

I will send draft statement shortly.

Regards

Alison Horwood

Media Specialist

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From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB) <Matthew.Rogers@waitematadhb.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:19 PM
To: Sally Page <Sally.Page@ot.govt.nz>
Cc: Alison Horwood <Alison.Horwood@ot.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: statement

Hi Sally, Alison

The Waitemata DHB statement is attached.

Kind regards
Matt

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From: Dale Bramley (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:45 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Peta Molloy (WDHB)
Subject: RE: Board notification for OK

Yes good to go

Dr Dale Bramley

Chief Executive Officer

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From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:22 p.m.
To: Dale Bramley (WDHB) <Dale.Bramley@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Peta Molloy (WDHB) <Peta.Molloy@waitematadhb.govt.nz>
Subject: Board notification for OK
Importance: High

Dear Board members

Thank you for your responses to the earlier email concerning the uplifting of infants who are considered to be vulnerable and potentially at-risk by Oranga Tamariki.

There is considerable media interest in this issue, given recent events at Waitakere Hospital and I wanted to share the statement the DHB is about to issue.

We can anticipate that this will be widely reported in the next couple of hours.

Kind regards

Dale

From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:47 p.m.
To: Rachel Lorimer (ADHB); Donna Baker (CMDHB); Anna.kirk@hawkesbaydhb.govt.nz; Liz Inch (NDHB)
Cc: Sarah McMahon (ADHB); Hannah Adam (ADHB); Mere Martin (CMDHB); Shelley Ashdown (WDHB)
Subject: Waitemata DHB statement on the protection of newborns
Importance: High

Afternoon all

We have just issued a statement re Waitemata DHB's position on arrangements with Oranga Tamariki when it seeks to remove newborns from our maternity units for the purposes of child protection.

This follows a situation involving two mothers at Waitakere Hospital this week.

Just making sure you're aware of this in case you are also asked for your position.

Anna, am including you given events at your DHB last year.

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Matt

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Waitematā DHB Media Line – 09 487 1276

From: Peta Molloy (WDHB)

Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 3:01 p.m.

To: Allison Roe; Chris Carter; Edward Benson-Cooper; John Bottomley (WDHB); Board Chair (WDHB); Judy McGregor - AUT; Kylie Clegg; Max Abbott; Renata Watene; Sandra Coney; Warren Flaunty

Cc: Dale Bramley (WDHB); Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Andrew Brant (WDHB)

Subject: Board notification

Importance: High

Dear Board members

Thank you for your responses to the earlier email concerning the uplifting of infants who are considered to be vulnerable and potentially at-risk by Oranga Tamariki.

There is considerable media interest in this issue, given recent events at Waitakere Hospital and I wanted to share the statement the DHB is about to issue.

We can anticipate that this will be widely reported in the next couple of hours.

Kind regards

Dale

12 June, 2020

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From: Allison Roe [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 3:16 p.m.
To: Warren Flaunty; Sandra Coney
Cc: Peta Molloy (WDHB); Allison Roe; Chris Carter; Edward Benson-Cooper; John Bottomley (WDHB); Board Chair (WDHB); Judy McGregor - AUT; Kylie Clegg; Max Abbott; Renata Watene; Dale Bramley (WDHB); Andrew Brant (WDHB); Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Matthew Gray (WDHB)
Subject: RE: Notification to the Board

Hello All
I support the statement as written.
Kind regards
Allison Roe
[REDACTED]

From: Warren Flaunty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:11 PM
To: Sandra Coney <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Peta Molloy (WDHB) <Peta.Molloy@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Allison Roe <[REDACTED]>; Chris Carter <[REDACTED]>; Edward Benson-Cooper <[REDACTED]>; John Bottomley (WDHB) <John.Bottomley@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Board Chair (WDHB) <BoardChair.WDHB@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Judy McGregor - AUT <judy.mcgregor@aut.ac.nz>; Kylie Clegg <[REDACTED]>; Max Abbott <max.abbott@aut.ac.nz>; Renata Watene <renata@occhiali.co.nz>; Dale Bramley (WDHB) <Dale.Bramley@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Andrew Brant (WDHB) <Andrew.Brant@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Matthew Rogers (WDHB) <Matthew.Rogers@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Matthew Gray (WDHB) <Matthew.Gray@waitematadhb.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Notification to the Board

Peta,
Fully support the Board's approach.

Regards
Warren
Sent from my iPhone

On 12/06/2020, at 12:12 PM, Sandra Coney <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I like this strong statement. I don't believe it is ever necessary to take a child from a mother around the birth even if it means she has to be supervised. I agree the hospital itself is not the place for this to happen and that working it through with

the parents and whanau is the best approach. So yes, support this statement.

It does raise the question of what powers the DHB has in this situation if govt dept and/or police are involved.

Regards Sandra

From: Peta Molloy (WDHB) <Peta.Molloy@waitematadhb.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 11:11 AM
To: Allison Roe <[REDACTED]>; Chris Carter <[REDACTED]>; Edward Benson-Cooper <[REDACTED]>; John Bottomley (WDHB) <John.Bottomley@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Board Chair (WDHB) <BoardChair.WDHB@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Judy McGregor - AUT <judy.mcgregor@aut.ac.nz>; Kylie Clegg <[REDACTED]>; Max Abbott <max.abbott@aut.ac.nz>; Renata Watene <renata@occhiali.co.nz>; Sandra Coney <[REDACTED]>; Warren Flaunty <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Dale Bramley (WDHB) <Dale.Bramley@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Andrew Brant (WDHB) <Andrew.Brant@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Matthew Rogers (WDHB) <Matthew.Rogers@waitematadhb.govt.nz>; Matthew Gray (WDHB) <Matthew.Gray@waitematadhb.govt.nz>
Subject: Notification to the Board

Kia ora koutou Board members

There is potential today for some media attention regarding Oranga Tamariki processes involving the uplifting of infants who are considered to be vulnerable and potentially at risk.

Historically, there have been cases of this occurring in public hospitals shortly after birth.

We both plan to release a statement later today that makes our position clear and write to you now to seek your support.

Waitemata DHB firmly believes that our hospitals are places of caring and compassion and that the uplifting of babies in the absence of an agreement by whanau and government sources has a potentially damaging impact, not just on those directly involved, but also on the wider hospital community - including staff and other users of our maternity services.

We, therefore, do not believe that our hospitals are an appropriate setting for this kind of activity.

We understand the underlying complexities behind decisions of this nature and believe a mediated approach to finding agreeable solutions is the best possible outcome that we should strive for, no matter how difficult this might be.

Our DHB will always be available to assist with mediation as we have access to extensive networks in our community who would also be willing to assist.

Nga mihi

Dr Dale Bramley
Chief Executive
Waitemata DHB

Professor Judy McGregor
Board Chair

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From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 3:18 p.m.
To: 'Amy Williams'
Subject: RE: Statement from Waitemata DHB

Hi Amy. It is a statement from the DHB.

Kind regards
Matt

From: Amy Williams [<mailto:Amy.Williams@rnz.co.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 3:17 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Subject: RE: Statement from Waitemata DHB

Thanks Matthew – who can this be attributed to?

From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB) <Matthew.Rogers@waitematadhb.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:32 p.m.
To: terina.kowhai@tvnz.co.nz; Amy Williams <Amy.Williams@rnz.co.nz>;
taroi.black@maoritelevision.com
Subject: Statement from Waitemata DHB
Importance: High

Good afternoon

As requested, please see the attached statement from Waitemata DHB about its position on the removal of newborn babies from their mothers.

Kind regards
Matt

Matt Rogers | Director - Communications | Waitemata DHB

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From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 3:31 p.m.
To: Naida Glavish (WDHB/ADHB)
Cc: Dale Bramley (WDHB)
Subject: Media statement
Importance: High

Kia ora Naida – here is the media statement re child protection, as discussed.

Kind regards
Matt

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Waitematā DHB position on the protection of newborn babies

Waitematā District Health Board (DHB) recognises the critical importance of child protection and works cooperatively with agencies such as Oranga Tamariki to ensure the safety of children.

In situations where babies are born in our hospital facilities and Oranga Tamariki has significant concerns, our approach is to bring the mother and whānau together with Oranga Tamariki to seek an agreed and mediated solution that is satisfactory to all parties.

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ENDS

Waitematā DHB Media Line – 09 487 1276

From: Sally Page [mailto:Sally.Page@ot.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 4:05 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Subject: RE: statement

In-Confidence

In-Confidence

Hi Matt

Please find below our statement due to go out shortly.
Thanks for your help today.
You have been great and efficient to deal with.

Sally

Please attribute to Glynis Sandland, Deputy Chief Executive Services for Children and Families North

There has been no attempt to take the baby away from the mum.

Oranga Tamariki had no intention to remove this baby and we are continuing to explore the best options for mother and child.

Oranga Tamariki and its predecessors have been working with the mum for a number of years.

During the pregnancy, we worked alongside her and the wider family to address serious safety concerns for the baby.

The Chief Executive was granted interim custody under Section 78 to ensure the safety of her baby. Under this order, the baby can be placed in the care of any person and not necessarily taken away from the mother, where there is appropriate support for both mother and baby.

We are continuing to work through a number of options with the parents and their wider whanau and our shared goal is to find a way to keep mother and baby together and safe.

We have also offered to help the mother with food, baby clothes and any other support she needs.

A meeting is planned next week with iwi and community providers to discuss how we can work together, with mum and family being critical to decision making.

Other baby at Waitakere Hospital

There is no Section 78 order in place for the other baby at Waitakere Hospital.

Claims that Oranga Tamariki attempted to bring baby into its care without notice are incorrect.

Social workers have been working with the mother and will continue to do so to address care and

protection concerns.

DHB

We do not have a formal agreement with the Waitemata District Health Board (WDHB) which prevents us from taking babies into our care.

We do however have an agreement to work together early and put a plan in place which involves the mother, wider family, midwife, hospital social worker, social services and iwi.

We work with the DHB and other agencies to keep families together, wherever possible.

Waipareira Trust

If a family or mum approaches us through the Waipareira Trust we will be happy to work with them in the best interests of the child concerned.

We have an agreement in place with the Trust for services for families with vulnerable children.

ENDS.

From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB) <Matthew.Rogers@waitematadhb.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:19 PM
To: Sally Page <Sally.Page@ot.govt.nz>
Cc: Alison Horwood <Alison.Horwood@ot.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: statement

Hi Sally, Alison

The Waitemata DHB statement is attached.

Kind regards
Matt

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From: Sally Page [<mailto:Sally.Page@ot.govt.nz>]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 2:04 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Cc: Alison Horwood
Subject: statement

In-Confidence

In-Confidence

Hi Matt

Here are the lines we are putting in our statement re the policy - look ok ?

DHB “agreement”

There is no agreement with the WDHB that we will not remove babies from their wards
There is an agreement on how we work together closely in situations like this.
For example, there is an agreement that we engage early and have a plan in place and that the mother, midwife, hospital social worker, and whanau etc are involved with this planning.

And can we please have a look at your statement to check they align.

Sally

Sally Page

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From: Peta Molloy (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 5:11 p.m.
To: Stephanie Doe (WDHB); Meia Schmidt-Uili (WDHB); Emma Farmer (WDHB)
Cc: Dale Bramley (WDHB); Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Subject: Media Statement
Importance: High

Hello

On behalf of Dale, as you know there is considerable media interest related to the matter of uplifting of infants who are considered to be vulnerable and potentially at-risk by Oranga Tamariki. Attached for your information is a copy of the DHB's media statement in relation to this matter.

It is anticipated that this will be widely reported.

Kind regards

Peta

12 June, 2020

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From: Mark Shepherd (WDHB)

Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 5:22 p.m.

To: Emma Farmer (WDHB); Dale Bramley (WDHB); Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Stephanie Doe (WDHB)

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Emma

Your leadership has made a difference in this difficult situation . I am grateful for your teams efforts and for the support the mothers and babies have been given.

Appreciated.

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Emma Farmer (WDHB)

Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 5:05 p.m.

To: Dale Bramley (WDHB); Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Stephanie Doe (WDHB); Mark Shepherd (WDHB)

Subject: Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Hi Dale,

Just an update on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been discharged to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] with her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in support. She will be receiving daily social work and midwifery visits [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is happy with this arrangement.

[REDACTED] is being discharged to a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] again with midwifery and social work support. She is also happy with this outcome.

I would like to recognise the extraordinary work that has been undertaken by our women's health social workers Lyn and Marie and our Maori cultural support worker Rosie. And a huge thank you to whaea Naida for her calm approach this morning.

Kind regards

Emma

Sorry this may be brief, sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: Dale Bramley (WDHB)

Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 5:54 p.m.

To: Emma Farmer (WDHB)

Cc: Matthew Rogers (WDHB); Stephanie Doe (WDHB); Mark Shepherd (WDHB)

Subject: Re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Great, thanks Emma

> On 12/06/2020, at 5:05 PM, Emma Farmer (WDHB) <Emma.Farmer@waitematadhb.govt.nz> wrote:

>

> Hi Dale,

> Just an update on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

>

> [REDACTED] has been discharged to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] with her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in support.

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>

> Kind regards

> Emma

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From: [Michele Kooiman \(WDHB\)](#)
To: [Emma Farmer \(WDHB\)](#)
Subject: FW: Media statement for your information
Date: Friday, 12 June 2020 15:56:14
Attachments: [Waitemata DHB position on removal of newborns 12June20.pdf](#)

Michele Kooiman | Operations Manager

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From: Emma Farmer (WDHB)

Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 3:31 p.m.

To: Rebecca Eade (WDHB); Arnia Rupa (WDHB); Sam Davenport (WDHB); Grace Blackmore (WDHB); Michele Kooiman (WDHB); Stephanie Doe (WDHB)

Subject: Media statement for your information

DHB media statement for your information

Thanks

Emma

Emma Farmer RN RM MHS | Director of Midwifery

Child, Women and Family Service | Waitemata DHB

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12 June, 2020

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From: Emma Farmer (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 5:08 p.m.
To: Lisa Burnett
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Great

Sorry this may be brief, sent from my iPad

On 12/06/2020, at 17:07, Lisa Burnett <Lisa.Burnett@ot.govt.nz> wrote:

In-Confidence

In-Confidence

Our system may well be incorrect – happy for [REDACTED] to go to the address she’s given you.

From: Emma Farmer (WDHB) <Emma.Farmer@waitematadhb.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 4:46 PM
To: Lisa Burnett <Lisa.Burnett@ot.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Thanks Lisa,

The address I have for [REDACTED] - just checked this with [REDACTED]

Can you recheck?

Thanks

Emma

Sent from my iPhone

On 12/06/2020, at 4:43 PM, Lisa Burnett <Lisa.Burnett@ot.govt.nz> wrote:

In-Confidence

In-Confidence

Hi Emma

Thanks for taking my call a few minutes ago. Just confirming that we are happy for [REDACTED] to discharge from hospital to the home of her whanau member, [REDACTED]

Kind regards
Lisa

Lisa Burnett
Site Manager

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From: [Arnia Rupa \(WDHB\)](#)
To: [Debra Fenton \(CMDHB\)](#)
Cc: [Emma Farmer \(WDHB\)](#)
Subject: Udate for [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 12 June 2020 17:22:47
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Hi Debra,

Oranga Tamariki has informed us they will not be bringing in any paperwork this afternoon.

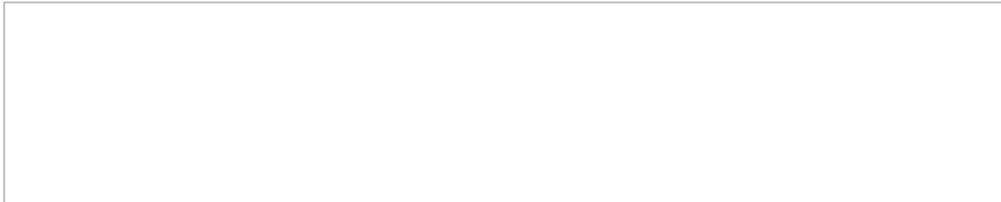
They will email Emma Farmer any further details. Our midwife has handed over to the Counties community midwives answer phone.

I have attached our discharge summaries. [REDACTED]

Nga mihi

Arnia Rupa
Midwife Manager Waitakere
Child, Women and Family Service | Waitemata DHB
Mob. 021 220 0381 | Email Arnia.Rupa@waitematadhb.govt.nz

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From: [Arnia Rupa \(WDHB\)](#)
To: [Debra Fenton \(CMDHB\)](#)
Cc: [Emma Farmer \(WDHB\)](#)
Subject: [REDACTED] discharge
Date: Friday, 12 June 2020 17:47:50
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Debra and Emma,

[REDACTED] has discharged now. She has amended her address to [REDACTED]
Phone number [REDACTED]

Nga mihi

Arnia Rupa
Midwife Manager Waitakere
Child, Women and Family Service | Waitemata DHB
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From: [Naida Glavish \(WDHB/ADHB\)](#)
To: [Matthew Rogers \(WDHB\)](#); [Dale Bramley \(WDHB\)](#); [Emma Farmer \(WDHB\)](#); [Mark Shepherd \(WDHB\)](#); [Amanda Mark \(WDHB\)](#)
Subject: RE: Maori social service provider Te Whanau o Waipareira and the...
Date: Friday, 12 June 2020 14:07:57

A directive actually was issued from Dale through to our midwives however I'm told that it was one of our social workers who informed Oranga Tamariki for these two cases.

From: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 12:24 p.m.
To: Dale Bramley (WDHB); Naida Glavish (WDHB/ADHB); Emma Farmer (WDHB); Mark Shepherd (WDHB); Amanda Mark (WDHB)
Subject: FW: Maori social service provider Te Whanau o Waipareira and the...

From: Isentia Digital Service [<mailto:mediaalert@isentia.com>]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 12:20 p.m.
To: Matthew Rogers (WDHB)
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Maori social service provider Te Whanau o Waipareira and the **Waitemata DHB** senior advisor Naida Glavish claim they stopped Oranga Tamariki from getting newborn babies from their mothers. Glavish says **Waitemata DHB** has issued a directive last year to block Oranga Tamariki uplifts at any of its properties. She says Oranga Tamariki should work with Maori social services before getting babies from their parents.

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