

30 March 2020



Re Official Information Request – Sterilised equipment

I refer to your official information request dated 13 March 2020 requesting the following information.

I would like a detailed breakdown of any and all incidents relating to equipment not being properly sterilised by the District Health Board from March 2019.

Please clarify if the lack of sterilisation was picked up before or after patient exposure.

Auckland DHB is a primary service in respect to the national response to COVID-19, and has diverted all necessary resources from across the organisation to the COVID-19 response.

Auckland DHB will be unable to respond to your request while New Zealand is at Alert level 4 and accordingly, under section 15A of the Official Information Act, extends the time for which to make a decision on your request to 20 working days after the Alert level reduces. Please advise if you wish to have your request held or if you wish to withdraw it and resubmit it in the future.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive