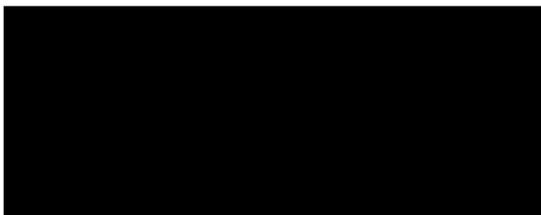


2 June 2022



Re: Official Information Request – Bullying complaints raised by doctors Auckland DHB Ref: 20220506-1218

I refer to your official information request dated 6 May 2022 seeking the following information:

Number of complaints raised by doctors regarding bullying over the past five years, broken down year by year, and whether the complaint resulted in disciplinary action.

Response

There is no data from 2018 as the system that records data on these matters was put in place in 2019. We are thus not able to search for information on allegations of bullying in the record system that existed prior to 2019. We are refusing this part of your request citing s18 (f) Official Information Act – the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Table 1. Bullying allegations raised by doctors (includes Senior Medical Officers and Registered Medical Officers) 2019-2022

Year	Number	Finding/Action Taken
2019	1	Informal actions
2020	1	Not upheld, no further action
	1	Informal actions
2021	1	Informal actions
	1	Not upheld, no further action
	1	Informal actions
	1	Investigation on-going
	1	Not upheld, no further action
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2022	1	Informal actions
	1	Informal actions

Notes:

1. Includes lower-level allegations which did not require formal investigation and for which formal investigation was not sought by the person raising the allegations.

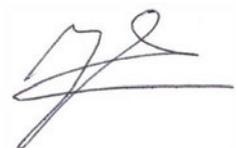
2. Also includes more serious issues raised which underwent formal investigation.

I trust this information answers your questions.

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.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MS', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Dr Michael Shepherd
Acting Chief Executive