

24 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 15 November 2021; you are requesting the following information:

- *Any policy regarding the covert surveillance of staff.*

Taranaki DHB does not have a specific surveillance policy however the Information Technology Use Policy notes that Taranaki DHB will at times monitor, without notification, all computer system (including internet and email) usage of individuals whether employed, visiting or contracted to Taranaki DHB. This monitoring may include recording information on the internet sites visited, information uploaded or downloaded to the Taranaki DHB network, and information transmitted or uploaded via the Internet.

- *The number of times there have been applications for surveillance of staff.*

Taranaki DHB has not received any applications to undertake surveillance of staff.

- *The number of times there have been approvals for surveillance of staff.*

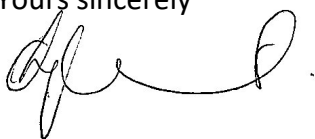
To date there have been no approvals given for surveillance of staff.

- *The circumstances in which any surveillance of staff would be permissible.*

This would be in extraordinary circumstances and would be considered on a case by case basis and appropriate measures would be put in place to ensure this is done appropriately.

I trust this answers your request for information.

Yours sincerely



Rosemary Clements
Chief Executive