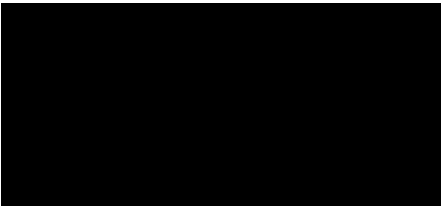


31 May 2022



Dear 

Official Information Act Request - ICPSA

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 6 May 2022 in which you request information about policies, decisions and performance management in regard to Integrated Pharmacy Services Agreements (ICPSA).

You have requested copies of the following documents:

1. *Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing the risk that an Integrated Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) is granted to a pharmacy in which medicines are co-located (ie, offered for sale within the same physical premises) as alcohol, cigarettes.*
2. *To the extent your DHB has such a policy document, documents recording any discussion about the potential issues raised by co-location of pharmacies and alcohol and/or cigarettes during the development of the DHB's pharmacy contracting policy.*
3. *Any documents showing that the DHB and its personnel took into account and/or addressed the fact that alcohol and/or cigarettes are available for sale within the same premises as a pharmacy when considering the application for an ICPSA by a Countdown Pharmacy. This request is limited to ICPSA applications submitted to the DHB by a Countdown Pharmacy after 1 May 2020.*
4. *Any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of service agreements it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).*
5. *Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing how it should respond to a failure to comply with the terms of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to address a failure to comply with a service agreement it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).*
6. *Documents recording the DHB's response to any failure by a pharmacy to comply with the terms of its ICPSA. This request is limited to failures since 1 January 2021.*

Questions 1 and 2

Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing the risk that an Integrated Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) is granted to a pharmacy in which medicines are co-located (ie, offered for sale within the same physical premises) as alcohol, cigarettes.

To the extent your DHB has such a policy document, documents recording any discussion about the potential issues raised by co-location of pharmacies and alcohol and/or cigarettes during the development of the DHB's pharmacy contracting policy.

Response

Taranaki DHB does not have any such policy documents.

Question 3

Any documents showing that the DHB and its personnel took into account and/or addressed the fact that alcohol and/or cigarettes are available for sale within the same premises as a pharmacy when considering the application for an ICPSA by a Countdown Pharmacy. This request is limited to ICPSA applications submitted to the DHB by a Countdown Pharmacy after 1 May 2020.

Response

No applications for an ICPSA for Countdown Pharmacy have been received by Taranaki DHB after 1 May 2020.

Question 4, 5 and 6

Any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of service agreements it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).

Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing how it should respond to a failure to comply with the terms of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to address a failure to comply with a service agreement it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).

Documents recording the DHB's response to any failure by a pharmacy to comply with the terms of its ICPSA. This request is limited to failures since 1 January 2021.

Response

Taranaki DHB does not have a separate policy that governs the monitoring operation of the ICPSA.

The standard ICPSA agreement provides an overall framework to enable DHBs to respond to failures by pharmacies to comply with the requirements. Individual service specifications have more specific service requirements. The standard ICPSA can be found on the TAS website by clicking on [this link](#) and selecting the 1 October 2021 version.

You have the right, under section 28 of the OIA, 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 Taranaki District Health Board website no less than one week after the response has been provided to you. Any personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. The DHB will endeavour to resolve any concerns you should raise but, subject to any legal grounds for withholding, ultimately reserves the right to publish any information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Maniam', written in a cursive style.

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