

12 August 2022



Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Te Whatu Ora Taranaki (formally Taranaki District Health Board (DHB)) to your OIA request of 25 July 2022. You have requested the following information:

*Can the DHB please advise:*

- Since 2010, to July 1, 2022, how many Essure devices have been removed by the DHB;
- Since 2010, to July 1, 2022, how many Essure devices have been removed as a result of adverse reactions and/or side effects.
- Please include a breakdown for the reason for removal if recorded/known.

Te Whatu Ora Taranaki can confirm that we do not perform removal of essure devices in our district.

I trust this information answers your OIA request.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Te Whatu Ora Taranaki ([www.tdhb.org.nz](http://www.tdhb.org.nz)) 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. Te Whatu Ora Taranaki 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.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Sheffield".

Katy Sheffield  
**Acting Chief Operating Officer**  
**Taranaki District**

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