

12 February 2019

Email: [REDACTED]

**Re: Official Information Act**

Dear [REDACTED]

I am responding on behalf of Hauora Tairāwhiti (Tairāwhiti DHB) to your OIA Request of 7 January 2019 regarding alcohol harm reduction activities .

You asked our DHB:

**Public Health regulatory activity related to alcohol**

As part of Hauora Tairāwhiti Ministry of Health contract the following regulatory activities are undertaken:

a) Licensing inquiries including education activities with local organisations and businesses

regarding the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act and licensing process;

b) Reporting to District Licensing Committee;

c) Providing information and/or attendance at licensing hearings;

d) Input into Local Alcohol Plans (LAP);

e) Assist in Controlled Purchase Operations (Police-lead);

f) Collaborate/monitor with Police and Inspectors.

**Involvement with policy development with each Council in the Tairāwhiti area**

Hauora Tairāwhiti has provided feedback into the development of the Gisborne joint alcohol policy.

**The costs incurred in preparing each submission submitted to central and local government on alcohol issues**

No submission were made in this period.

**The amount spent on advocacy to central and local government on alcohol issues.**

Nil

**What 'community action' has been taken to reduce alcohol harm, which community groups the DHB has worked with, the amount of financial assistance provided to each community group**

Nil

**What steps have been taken to promote community awareness, the campaigns that have been co-ordinated and the cost of each campaign**

Nil

**The number of staff employed/contracted and the salaries paid to employees and payments made to contractors to the DHB who are tasked with alcohol related public health regulatory activity, policy development, submissions and advocacy, encouraging community action and promoting community awareness**

Hauora Tairāwhiti has one HPO who spends approx.(.4) on alcohol and one Medical Officer of Health (.1)

**The submissions made to Councils within your DHB area on alcohol licensing applications for all on-license, off-license, club and special event licenses and special event licenses and the cost incurred in doing so**

Hauora Tairāwhiti reported on 173 applications from July 2017 to July 2018. With no objections.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this. Yours sincerely

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