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Dear Amy

**Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about requests for second opinions on pathology specimens.

*Request 1:*

*I respectfully request your DHB's policy on second opinions requested by a third party who is a medical practitioner currently involved in the medical care of the patient from whom the pathological material was originally obtained.*

Northland DHB complies with the RCPA Policy on Provision of second opinions with particular reference to morphological examination as noted in the following website. <https://www.rcpa.edu.au/getattachment/7ed4de8f-d708-4dc4-9df3-f4ef17c97685/Provision-of-Second-and-Subsequent-Opinions-Histop.aspx> )

*Request 2:*

*In the event that your DHB deviates from the aforementioned RCPA policy, I request an explanation for why your DHB deviates from best practice.*

Please see the response to the preceding question.

If you have any queries relating to Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MC' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
**Chief Executive**