

11 May 2020

Amy S Van Wey Lovatt

By email: fyi-request - 12512-205a2356@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Amy

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 22 March 2020 in which you specifically requested the following:

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.

We are unable to provide you an opinion on this matter as Medlab South (part of the Southern Community Laboratories Group) are the contracted service to the South Canterbury District Health Board.

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.

Medlab South (part of the Southern Community Laboratories Group), who employ the pathologists that are contracted to South Canterbury District Health Board, have their own processes which they will follow relating RCPA policy.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our decision by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman's Office can be contacted on 0800 802 602 or on-line at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>

Kind regards



Dawne Tuite
Administrator
SC District Health Board