



Health and Disability Commissioner
Te Toihau Hauora, Hauātanga

15 July 2021

Taryn Estcourt

By email: fyi-request-15818-5b92e9bb@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Taryn Estcourt

Re: Information Request
Our ref: E21HDC01195

Thank you for your email of 17 June 2021 requesting:

1. “the number of complaints that have been lodged against Dr Alan Farnell in the last 10 years (since 2011), and;
2. if he was censured or had any restrictions imposed on his license at any time in the last 15 years (2006) the documents showing the outcomes with private information about the complainant redacted. I'm just looking for the outcome on Dr Farnell.”

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Information withheld

Please note that the information you have requested is the private information of Dr Farnell. I have withheld the information you have requested pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act to protect his privacy.

In relation to the information withheld, I am of the view that the reasons outlined above are not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make this information available.

You may seek a review of this decision from the Office of the Ombudsman.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Jane King
Associate Commissioner Legal