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NZ Health Justice

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Tēnā koe NZ Health Justice

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 19 July for:

“Emails and text messages between Amanda Bleckmann, Group Manager Operational Performance, Disability and Josephine Gagan, CEO of NZ Health Group/HealthCare NZ Limited since 23 September 2020.

For the avoidance of doubt, we refer to Ombudsman Case 439322 (2017) and request that your search include both private email accounts and personal devices.

Please also provide a record of meetings and phone conversations between Ms Bleckmann and Ms Gagan since 23 September 2020. Again, we refer to the Ombudsman's decision in Case 43932.

We request the same information regarding communications between Adri Isbister, Deputy Director-General, Disability and Ms Gagan.”

Please find all information within scope of your request attached in Appendix 1. Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) where its release would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i) to protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence and making it available would likely prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source.
- Section 9(2)(k) to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adri Isbister', is positioned above the typed name.

Adri Isbister
**Deputy Director-General
Disability**