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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-026139

Thank you for your email of 4 July 2023, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

This is a request for all information sharing agreements with External Clinical Advisors, HNZ (or each DHB if it is not with HNZ), Red Health, Shakespeare Specialist Centre, Leinster Chambers, and whichever other health agency or health organization, including self-employed business, whose employees provided ACC sought and obtained external clinical advisor reports for treatment injury claims in 2022.

The Health Information Privacy Code 2020 (HIPC) governs the sharing of medical information between agencies in the health sector

You can read the HIPC on the Privacy Commissioner Website here: https://privacy.org.nz/privacy-act-2020/codes-of-practice/hipc2020/

Contracts between providers and ACC are available on our website

If you go to our 'Resources' page on the ACC website and search 'contracts', you can view several pages of contracts between ACC and service providers: https://www.acc.co.nz/resources#/search/contracts. One example is the Service Schedule for Clinical Services (and specifically sections 8 and 14), found here: https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/contracts/clinical-services-schedule.pdf

You can also view the general contract between ACC and providers here: https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/contracts/health-contract-terms-conditions.pdf (see sections 9 and 12).

I have also attached, as Appendix 1, an agreement that we send to providers whenever we seek external advice on a Treatment Injury claim. Page 5 mentions complying with the Privacy Act and HIPC.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

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