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Tēnā koe Simon

## Your request for Official information, reference: HNZ00033041

Thank you for your email on 27 November 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I would like to know what policy discussions have occurred since March 2023 with regard to emergency admissions to Te Kuiti hospital, and how any such policy has been advise to communities and other health agencies.

Where there may be a policy for declining emergency patients, what are the reasons for that policy and how has that been balanced with patient needs and affects on the workloads of other health facilities?"

## Response

There have been no policy discussions since March 2023 with regard to emergency admissions to Te Kuti Hospital. There is also no policy in place for declining emergency patients. As such, your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

## How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at <u>hnzOIA@health.govt.nz</u>.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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