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Tēnā koe Cody

Your request for official information ref: HN200033238

Thank you for your email on 4 December 2023, asking for the following which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Te Whatu Ora (formerly Canterbury DHB) advises patients that "Ministry of Health criteria for Special Authority application of stimulant medication requires a recent random urinary drug screen if stimulant medication is seen as the appropriate treatment." Please provide these criteria in full.

The information requested was released in response to a previous OIA request, and is available online here: [Waitaha Canterbury response to ADHD medication.](#)

Please note the link above refers specifically to ADHD medication rather than more broadly to stimulant medication of which you have requested. However, the response remains the same, that we do not hold the information requested and are therefore declining your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

How to get in touch

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

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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz 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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