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**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

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Tēnā koe David

### **Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00202470**

Thank you for your email dated 6 April 2026, which was transferred from the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora to Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Health NZ) on 20 April 2026. You asked for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*For the large numbers of suspicious and unapproved medicines used across New Zealand, outline the steps that Ministry and Health New Zealand took to ensure that health managers were aware of this issue, and that clinicians knew about their obligation to obtain consent and to provide open disclosure*

### **Response**

Your request appears to be based on an assumption, of which Health NZ has not identified any information to substantiate. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held.

All health professionals using unapproved medicines or using approved medicines for an unapproved purpose are required to comply with The Medicines Act 1981, and The Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights (Code of Rights) as outlined on the Medsafe website. This includes health professionals working at Health NZ.

### **How to get in touch**

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@tewhatauora.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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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