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Tēnā koe Cher

Your request for official information, reference: HN200202922

Thank you for your email on 20 April 2026, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

Under the Official Information Act 1982, I am requesting internal correspondence, memos, and administrative records originating from the former Auckland Area Health Board and the Ministry of Health during the year 1993.

I am compiling a historical and family archive detailing the reform of addiction medicine in New Zealand. My late father was a central figure in a 1993 legal action known as the "Gang of 4" lawsuit, which successfully secured a High Court injunction against the Auckland Area Health Board's Drug Dependency Clinic. His birth name was William Frederick Webb, though he primarily used his adopted name, Barry Bond, and is also known in historical archives under the name Barry Ryker. He passed away in 2003, and I am making this request as his daughter.

Specifically, I am requesting:

Internal memos or correspondence within the Auckland Area Health Board or the Auckland Drug Dependency Clinic reacting to the High Court injunction granted to Barry Bond / William Frederick Webb / Barry Ryker and the other plaintiffs in 1993.

Correspondence between clinic management and the Ministry of Health regarding the legal challenge to their "policed compliance" model and observed urinalysis practices.

Any letters or communications received by the Associate Minister of Health in 1993 regarding the clinic's practices, specifically any correspondence associated with Rosanne Hastie or the ADIO Needle Exchange.

Documentation regarding the subsequent policy shifts forced by this lawsuit, particularly the move toward "GP-based management" and the expansion of the Methadone Clinic Consumer Committee.

If the requested information is held by Archives New Zealand, please advise on the relevant agency file references so I may pursue them there.

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora wrote to you on 24 April and again on 30 April to request:

- Written consent from the Executor/Administrator of the estate, or
- Proof of your relationship to the deceased where there is no will.

Response

We acknowledge that you responded to the two requests we sent in April 2026 asking for written consent or proof of relationship. However, your responses did not include the required consent or proof of relationship.

The files we mentioned (Archive Files R7217794) are restricted. We can only access them from Archives if you provide that consent or proof of relationship.

The Archive File R16659044 (records relating to the Auckland Drug Dependency Unit) are open access and held in Wellington. Note that they were created and held by the former Department of Health (now the Ministry of Health). As advised Health New Zealand is not the appropriate agency to be managing requests for those records and we are transferring this part of your request to the Ministry of Health.

We must decline your requests for information relating to Barry Bond/William Frederick Webb/Barry Ryker. Health New Zealand has a statutory obligation under the Privacy Act 2020 to ensure that the steps related to consent or proof of relationship are undertaken correctly and one or other form of evidence is supplied before we can grant access to any information that may exist.

That part of your request relating to information held by Health New Zealand regarding Barry Bond/William Frederick Webb/Barry Ryker is refused under the Privacy Act, s53(b)(1), unwarranted disclosure of the affairs of another individual.

As we cannot manage those aspects of your request under the Privacy Act as described above, we have considered the balance of your request under the Official Information Act.

Health New Zealand has considered your request for official information other than that about Mr Webb and has decided to refuse this part of your request s18(e) OIA, the information is not held.

In the course of working on your requests we have found reference to two series of files that may be relevant to your request, which are held at Archives New Zealand and for which access is controlled by Clinical Records at Health New Zealand | Te Toka Tumai Auckland.

Clinical Records are the Access Contacts and they will need to determine whether or not they will grant you access and then retrieve the items as a government loan, retrieve the records and scan them. Alternatively they can provide you with an Official Access Permission letter and you would then take this to Archives New Zealand.

The two series are:

- 1) R1166477 | 1985 – 1990, Auckland repository | Restricted | Physical | Text | Series: 4285 - St Helens Hospital Subject Files Agency: YCBH - National Women's Hospital
- 2) R7042272 | 1990 – 1992 Auckland repository | Restricted | Physical | Text | Series: 14095 - Auckland Health files relating to enquiries, disciplinary matters and appeals, Agency: ZABV - Auckland Healthcare Services Limited.

There are 33 items in these related to William Frederick Webb, all kept at Archives NZ under a descriptor: High Court Auckland/Wellington/Dunedin/Timaru, Department of Justice.

The contact information for the Clinical Records Department at Te Toka Tumai Auckland is:

- Phone, for urgent requests, 09 307 4949 and ask for extension 22288
- Email GROI@adhb.govt.nz
- Postal address:
Clinical records department
Private Bag 92024
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The Clinical records department is available between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request for personal information relating to Barry Bond (also known as William Frederick Webb/Barry Ryker), you may complain to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner.

Information about making a complaint is available at <https://www.privacy.org.nz> or by calling 0800 803 909.

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.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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