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G Thomson

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Dear G Thomson

Official Information Act Request – Our Reference 2017/132

Thank you for your letter received by Capital and Coast District Health Board (CCDHB) on 29 May 2017, in which under the Official Information Act 1982 you requested information relating to CCDHB responding to the immediate impacts of a large scale earthquake.

Your letter asks if there is any official document published or working that outlines a plan for responding to the immediate impacts of a large scale earthquake, should one occur in Wellington (Capital and Coast) region.

The planning for responding to the immediate impacts of a local large scale earthquake is focused on:

- The initial actions undertaken within the DHB to manage casualties, disruptions to services, and damaged facilities
- The activation of the mass casualty plans
- Participation in the local, regional, and national multi-agency post-earthquakes responses within the Health Sector and with Civil Defence

The CCDHB initial actions are set out in the:

- Earthquake Response Plan – a copy of the plan is attached
- Emergency Operations Centre Incident Response Initial Actions document – an extract setting out the post-earthquake actions is attached

The CCDHB is also a participant in two other key plans that outline the multi-agency response arrangements:

- The National Health Emergency Plan – available from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/emergency-management/national-health-emergency-plan>
- The Wellington Earthquake National Initial Response Plan (WENIRP) – available from <http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/cdem-framework/guidelines/wellington-earthquake-national-initial-response-plan/>

It should be noted that the CCDHB Earthquake Response Plan and the WENIRP are both being reviewed at present with the intention of incorporating lessons learned from the Kaikoura earthquakes in 2016 and more up to date information on the earthquake risk in the Wellington Region.

You have a right to seek a review, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, by way of a complaint to the Ombudsman, about the information that has been provided to you.

Kind regards



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