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Official Information Act Request – OIA 14303 Integrated Pharmacy Services Agreement

On 6 May 2022, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

I would like to request copies of the following documents under the Official Information Act 1982:

1. Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing the risk that an Integrated Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) is granted to a pharmacy in which medicines are co-located (ie, offered for sale within the same physical premises) as alcohol, cigarettes.
2. To the extent your DHB has such a policy document, documents recording any discussion about the potential issues raised by co-location of pharmacies and alcohol and/or cigarettes during the development of the DHB's pharmacy contracting policy.
3. Any documents showing that the DHB and its personnel took into account and/or addressed the fact that alcohol and/or cigarettes are available for sale within the same premises as a pharmacy when considering the application for an ICPSA by a Countdown Pharmacy. This request is limited to ICPSA applications submitted to the DHB by a Countdown Pharmacy after 1 May 2020.
4. Any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of service agreements it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).
5. Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing how it should respond to a failure to comply with the terms of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to address a failure to comply with a service agreement it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).
6. Documents recording the DHB's response to any failure by a pharmacy to comply with the terms of its ICPSA. This request is limited to failures since 1 January 2021.

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

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Nil. The current WDHB Community Pharmacy Services Commissioning Policy and Procedure documents are available via the link below:

<https://www.wdwb.org.nz/our-community/community-pharmacy-services/>

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Nil
- 3. Any documents showing that the DHB and its personnel took into account and/or addressed the fact that alcohol and/or cigarettes are available for sale within the same premises as a pharmacy when considering the application for an ICPSA by a Countdown Pharmacy. This request is limited to ICPSA applications submitted to the DHB by a Countdown Pharmacy after 1 May 2020.**
Nil
- 4. Any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to monitor the operation of service agreements it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).**
The Whanganui District Health Board relies on the provisions contained in the ICPSA and the reporting requirements for the various service specifications attached to the ICPSA to monitor the service delivery of the agreement holders.
- 5. Any policy document the DHB has in place addressing how it should respond to a failure to comply with the terms of an ICPSA (or, if no such specific policy exists, any policy document the DHB has in place to address a failure to comply with a service agreement it has entered into pursuant to section 25 of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000).**
The Whanganui District Health Board relies on the provisions of the ICPSA to enable it to respond to failures to comply with the terms of the ICPSA.
- 6. Documents recording the DHB's response to any failure by a pharmacy to comply with the terms of its ICPSA. This request is limited to failures since 1 January 2021.**
Nil

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdwb.org.nz

Ngā mihi



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