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Tēnā koe Ethan

**Official Information Act Request – OIA 13617 Te Awhina**

In response to your email of 22 July 2021 regarding clarification of our response to the following questions:

**Any communication between Dr Jo Stephen and Peter Skilton related to or mentioning overcrowding/periods of overcapacity within the facility, including, but not limited to, emails, text messages and letters.**

I have received an email from the WDHB Chief Information Officer confirming that he could not find any emails between Dr Jo Stephen and Peter Skilton related to or mentioning overcrowding/periods of overcapacity within the facility between 1 January 2021 and 1 July 2021.

I can confirm there have been no text messages between Peter and Jo.

**Any written communication between Russell Simpson and Health Minister Andrew Little related to or mentioning the Te Awhina Mental Health Facility, including but not limited to, emails, text messages, letters and reports.**

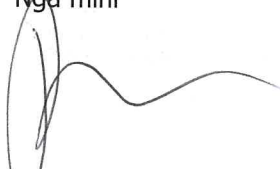
As per our phone conversation, I can confirm there are no emails or text messages between myself and Minister Little regarding Te Awhina between 1 January 2021 and 1 July 2021.

**Any reports received or commissioned by the DHB specifically related to Te Awhina and its operation within the last 24 months.**

The ombudsman office will be releasing the 2021 report next week, for public access.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at [anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz)

Ngā mihi



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