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Dear Gabrielle

Official Information Act Request – Health Programmes and that of PHU's are appropriate and effective for disabled Maori

On 18 February under Section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

How does the DHB ensure that its health promotion programmes, and that of its Public Health Unites (if applicable) are appropriate and effective for disabled Māori, for example, how does it ensure its campaigns are accessible for kāpō and Māori?

Whanganui District Health Board's response:

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Whanganui District Health Board - Public Health Centre

Our facilities are able to be accessed by disabled Māori and are set up with appropriate disabled car parking, ramp access and elevator access where required.

We have no specific health promotions targeted for disabled Māori but care is taken to ensure planning and implementation of all health promotion activities are responsive and accessible to the needs of disabled populations, consideration is also taken to ensure all health promotion activities are completed at locations that are suitable, safe and accessible for all populations.

To support rural and communities where populations find it hard to access health services and health promoting messaging, one approach includes:

- Collaborating with local iwi services to provide holistic community events and increasing access to campaigns that are closer to home.
- An example includes our rural public health nurse, health promotion team and local iwi health service working alongside the isolated rural community and Marae of Whanganui river road to implement whānau health day expo's.

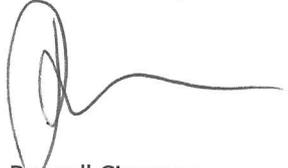
Other examples of approaches used for health promotion activities include health messaging and health education via social media platforms and public health nurse education sessions for parents/caregivers in all schools within the school based vaccination programme.

To support public health service delivery our organisation also has interpretation services and a Māori Health Services team on the ground to provide extra support through Haumoana services if required by Maori clients and their whānau.

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Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our acting OIA co-ordinator Maree Langford at Maree.Langford@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely

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Russell Simpson
Chief Executive