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Tena koe Victor

Official Information Request- OIA 13711 Official Secrets Act

The Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) has received the transfer of your request to Andrew Little on 12 August 2021 under Section 14 of the OIA. You requested the following information:

- 1. During the 1970s were nurses at Lake Alice Hospital required to sign the Official Secrets Act?
- 2. Were there other health professions required to sign the Official Secrets Act around this time period?
- 3. In the present time, does any health worker, psychiatric or other required to sign the Official Secrets Act?"

The Whanganui District Health Board response:

1. During the 1970s were nurses at Lake Alice Hospital required to sign the Official Secrets Act?

We cannot find records or evidence suggesting that *staff* were requested to sign the official secrets act.

2. Were there other health professions required to sign the Official Secrets Act around this time period?

We cannot find records or evidence suggesting that *staff* were requested to sign the official secrets act.

3. In the present time, does any health worker, psychiatric or other required to sign the Official Secrets Act?"

No

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

Ngā mihi

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