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Via email: Nicholas.Jones@nzme.co.nz

Dear Nicholas

Official Information Act Request - OIA 13354 Percentage of Diabetic Retinal Screening

On 9 February 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

"In addition to the below request, can I please ask an additional question - if measured or estimated, can I please ask for the percentage coverage for diabetic retinal screening (i.e the proportion of people with diabetes who have had a retinal screen within the last two years, or other reporting period)?"

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

The percentage coverage for diabetic retinal screening (ie the proportion of people with diabetes who have had a retinal screen within the last two years, or other reporting period)

Whanganui District Health Board are not able to provide the information for this question. Whanganui DHB do not have a precise and accurate number of diabetic patients in the Whanganui DHB region. Current primary care data is incomplete, and any information we have is indicative only.

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

Yours sincerely Russell Simpson **Chief Executive**

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