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Dear Shayne

Official Information Act Request – OIA 12973 Survey on Oral Health Assessments for Cancer Patients

On 28 June 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

The Cancer Society is collecting the information on how a person with any cancer has their oral health needs assessed and addressed at each stage of their cancer journey in each DHB in NZ—from the point of diagnosis, throughout their cancer treatment and following discharge from their cancer treatment (i.e. survivorship).

This information will be used to determine the consistency in, and equity of, service provision, eligibility, care coordination and integration of oral health services into cancer care services at all stages of a person's cancer journey.

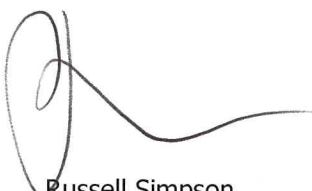
Whanganui District Health Boards response:

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The majority of patients undergoing medical oncology treatment will have a dental assessment, the same for head and neck and other cancers if dentition is within the radiation field when having radiation oncology treatment. This is not a routine process. Whanganui District Health Board patients may have the assessment done at the MCDHB dental unit. We do not record this as a data point.

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



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