

31 January 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021179

I refer to your Official Information Act request transferred to district health boards by the Ministry of Health on 22 December 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

- ***Guidelines/procedure for investigating possible Colonic Motility Dysfunction/Defecatory Disorders/Anorectal Dysfunction***
- ***What are the Guidelines/procedures for patients repeatedly admitted to Emergency Department with severe epigastric pain/ and upper right and left quadrant pain***
- ***What are the official Guidelines/procedures for urgent X-rays (24 hour)***

Hawke's Bay DHB does not hold any specific guidelines/procedures in relation to any of the above specified procedres. Therefore, we decline your request under s18 (e) of the Act relating to information that does not exist.

Please note Hawke's Bay DHB does not perform any of the procedures outlined in question one.

While the DHB does not have any guidelines/procedures for patients who repeatedly present to ED with severe epigastric pain/ and upper right and left quadrant pain, for some repeat adult admissions for this kind of pain patient, they will have a multi-disciplinary management plan in place. Other patients may have discussions with one of the senior ED doctors. Each patient will be assessed and treated on a case-by-case basis depending on their clinical need.

For X-rays taken while a patient is in the emergency department these are completed during the patients ED visit.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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