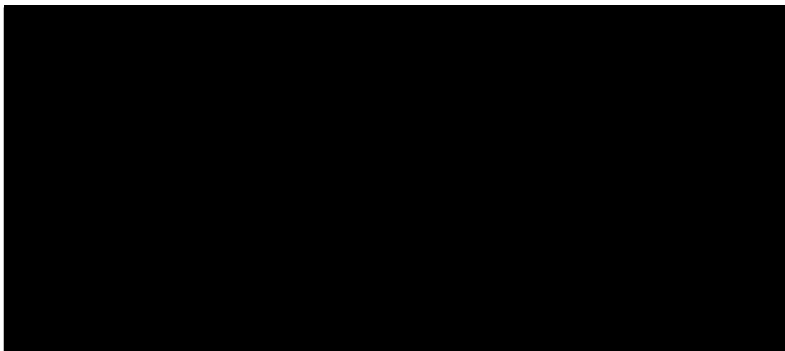


4 July 2019



**Re: Official Information Act Request – Primary Health provider contract terminations**

I refer to your official information request dated 24 May 2019 to the MoH and transferred from the MoH to Auckland DHB on 18 June 2019 requesting the following information:

**How many Primary Health Providers (General Practices) have had their Back to Back contract terminated by a Primary Health Organisation for failure to achieve Foundation Standards during the period January 2017 to the present day.**

In response, there are 140 general practices in Auckland DHB serving a total enrolled population of 539,630. We have replied to your questions with the summarised information received from the PHOs we are the Lead DHB for ProCare and Auckland PHO (Auckland DHB).

**1. How many Primary Health Providers (General Practices) had not achieved Foundation Standard certification by 1 July 2017:**

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| Auckland DHB |
| 2            |

**2. When those Primary Health Providers (General Practices) achieved Foundation Standards:**

| Providers (General Practices) | Auckland DHB Dates    |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Practice 1                    | Cornerstone 14/8/2018 |
| Practice 2                    | Cornerstone 19/9/2018 |

*NOTE: The PHOs monitor the Foundation Standard criteria within the Cornerstone Accreditation to ensure that practices meet Foundation Standard.*

The PHOs ensured Auckland DHB was kept up to date regarding the progress practices were making to meet the required Foundation Standard. Auckland DHB granted extensions with the main reasons being where practices changed ownership or were experiencing delays due to the non-availability of Cornerstone Assessors (through the College of GPs).

3. Do any Primary Health Providers (General Practices) who are required to hold Foundation Standard certification not currently hold that certification?

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| Auckland DHB (Yes/No) |
| No                    |

4. Did any Primary Health Providers (General Practices) have Capitation Based Funding withdrawn as a result of not having achieved Foundation Standard by 1 July 2017?

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| Auckland DHB (Yes/No) |
| No                    |

5. Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act – memorandums, emails, letters, minutes of meetings, etc relating to the termination of such contracts (attach these please)

Not applicable as no contracts have been terminated.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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