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Re: Official Information Act request – Cyber Security

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 1 June 2021 requesting the following information:

- Copies of any agenda or minutes at any governance level, including any audit and risk or similar committee meetings, etc., over the past 3 years, concerning cyber security (may be referred to as IT, or ICT, or information technology) developments
  - And/or risks
  - And/or Concerns
  - And/or Attacks
  - And/or Interventions
  - And/or funding
  - And/or Advice or recommendations or other interaction with ministry or other agencies including CERT, or any arm of GCSB, or of DIA
  - And/or any review of cyber security done by or for your agency
- Copies of any relevant risk registers that provide info re cyber (ITC, IT, info tech, data and digital) security and/or risks at any time in the last 3 years.
- Please provide your agency's response/s to Dir Gen Dr Bloomfield's request in mid-2020 (attached) to investing in data/digital, where that response includes reference to security, from when request received till now.

The request is declined on the following grounds.

Official Information Act Section 6 (c): Releasing this information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences.

Section 9 (2) (c): the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public; and

Section 9 (2) (e): the withholding of this information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public

Section 9 (2) (k): the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the use of information for improper gain or advantage.

The public interest in disclosing the information requested does not outweigh these needs to withhold the information.

District Health Boards are committed to the prevention, detection and investigation of cyber threats.

Our protections include limiting the information about cyber security activities that we make public, as this could increase the chance of attacks in the future.

On behalf of the community, it is very important that we protect information about our cyber security strategies and methods as much as possible to ensure criminals do not use that information to hinder or bypass our security controls.

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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> 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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