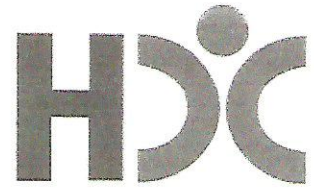


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Health and Disability Commissioner  
*Te Toihau Hauora, Hauātanga*

7 April 2016

Street

AUCKLAND 1

Dear Mr

**Re: Information Request**  
**Our ref: C12HDC0**

Thank you for your email of 14 March 2016 requesting the following information:


1. Whether any photos of you have been kept on record in any HDC files and if they exist you ask for a copy of these.
2. Whether any HDC staff exchanged any information about your complaint (and any related matters) with any person(s) working for the Ministry of Social Development and/or the Medical Council of New Zealand.

I have considered your request under the Privacy Act 1993 and the Official Information Act 1982. I have been unable to locate any photos of you on your complaint files. Your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(c) of the Official Information Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

HDC wrote to MCNZ on 29 January 2015 enclosing a copy of your complaint, Dr H's response to your complaint and the decision letter relating to your complaint. MCNZ wrote to HDC on 4 June 2015 stating that MCNZ's Complaints Triage Team had considered the information provided by HDC and other information and decided to take no further action on the concerns raised. Those letters, dated 29 January 2015 and 4 June 2015, are withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act in order to protect Dr H's privacy.

You may seek a review of this decision from the Office of the Ombudsman or the Privacy Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

  
Senior Legal Advisor