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Via email: caleycallahan@tv3.co.nz

Dear Caley

Official Information Act Request- OIA 13338 COVID-19 Tests

On 28 January 2021, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

How many COVID-19 tests, taken in the Whanganui DHB region between 22 January 2020 and today's date 28 January 2021, have been spoiled or damaged? Resulting in those samples not being able to be tested.

With a specific breakdown of:

- How were the tests spoiled or damaged?
- When and where the samples were taken and transported to?
- What repercussions were there for those involved in the testing process, including the patients affected?
- How many patients, whose tests were spoiled or damaged, subsequently tested positive for COVID-19?
- Any and all copies of video and photographs of spoiled or damaged COVID-19 tests.

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

How many COVID-19 tests, taken in the Whanganui DHB region between 22 January 2020 and today's date 28 January 2021, have been spoiled or damaged?

The Whanganui District Health Board has not had any spoiled or damaged COVID-19 tests.

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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