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**Official Information Act Request – OIA 14306**

On 6 May 2022, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

Number of complaints raised by doctors regarding bullying over the past five years, broken down year by year, and whether the complaint resulted in disciplinary action.

**Whanganui District Health Boards response:**

**Number of complaints raised by doctors regarding bullying over the past five years, broken down year by year, and whether the complaint resulted in disciplinary action.**

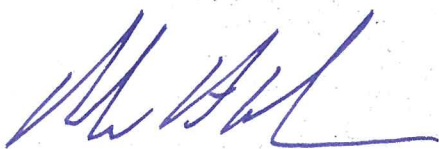
One concern regarding an alleged bullying culture in a department was raised in 2018. The matter was investigated by external facilitators using a Restorative approach. The matter was resolved, and relationships restored. No disciplinary action resulted.

No other complaints were raised by WDHB doctors regarding alleged bullying.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at [anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz)

Ngā mihi



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