



28 January 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about Northland DHB's art collection.

1. *How many pieces of art does the DHB own? Art includes any artwork, including drawings, paintings, sculptures, statues, photographs, or any other types of art.*
2. *Please state what the art is – eg a painting, who the artist is, whether the art was donated or purchased, and the value of the artwork. If a sculpture or statue, what or who does the art depict?*
3. *If the artwork was purchased, how much did it cost to buy and when was it bought?*
4. *What is the combined total value of all of the DHB's art?*
5. *Where is the artwork housed? Eg, which hospital, building, wing, ward?*
6. *Has the DHB ever donated or loaned any art and if so to who, when, for how long and why?*
7. *Is the art insured and if so for how much? Has any art ever been stolen and if so was it recovered?*
8. *Has any of the art ever been damaged and repaired and if so when, and how was it damaged?*
9. *Has the DHB ever undertaken an art audit and if so when?*
10. *What is the benefit to patients of the artwork?*

Northland DHB has a range of items displayed in our buildings across all sites. We have hospitals at Whangarei, Dargaville, Kawakawa and Kaitia and also operate services out a number of buildings in the community. The displayed items include health information posters as well as decorative items donated by staff, patients, patients' families and members of the community. Some have been created by the donor (for example children's artwork) while others are photographs of individuals, local landmarks, scenic locations and flora and fauna.

No artworks have been purchased by Northland DHB and the items displayed have not been valued. The items have not been insured and an art audit has not been undertaken. We are not aware of any items being stolen or damaged and subsequently repaired.

Northland DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist public understanding of how we deliver our services. This includes proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been provided to you. Personal or identifying information will be redacted from any response published online. If you consider there are good reasons why this response should not be publicly available we will consider your views.

If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Northland DHB's Communications Manager, in the first instance at [communications@northlanddhb.org.nz](mailto:communications@northlanddhb.org.nz) .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Chamberlain', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Dr Nick Chamberlain**  
**Chief Executive**