



1 June 2021



Dear 

### **Official Information Act Request**

You have asked for information about challenges to Coroner findings.

- *How many times has your DHB challenged a coroner's findings after an inquest in each of the following years? 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021*
- *For cases from 2017 onward: - please give an overview of the case and the name of the patient concerned - what points were challenged, and why - how much did the DHB spend on its challenge in each of these cases?*

The Coronial process requires Coroners to provide any party that is subject to adverse comment the opportunity to comment before findings are issued. Draft findings are provided, and the party/parties can comment on these before they are finalised. Northland DHB has utilised that process. No Coroner's findings have been challenged following conclusion of an inquest.

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 'Nick Chamberlain'.

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