



28 January 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

You have asked for information about sterilisation of equipment.

I would like a detailed breakdown of any and all incidents relating to equipment not being properly sterilised by the District Health Boards from March 2020.

There have been two incidents since March 2020. Both incidents occurred during the sterilisation process and occurred before that process was complete. In both cases the soiled items were removed from the sterilisation pathway without impacting the sterile status of other items being sterilised at the same time. The items did not come in contact with patients.

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If you have any questions regarding Northland DHB's response to your information request please contact Liz Inch, Communications Manager, in the first instance. Liz can be contacted by e-mail at liz.inch@northlanddhb.org.nz or by telephone on (09) 430 4100 ext 60518 or 021 730 543.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MC', written over a white background.

Dr Nick Chamberlain
Chief Executive