

Thursday, 14 January 2021

Re: Official Information Act Request – DHB art collection

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

Hauora Tairāwhiti's response to your request is as follows:

- 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.*

Hauora Tairāwhiti owns numerous pieces of art across the range described above, particularly taonga Māori. These are not listed or catalogued.

- 2) *Please state what the art is – e.g 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?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti does not retain a catalogue in which all this information is easily accessible.

- 3) *If the artwork was purchased, how much did it cost to buy and when was it bought?*

Most of the artwork is donated, with a couple of recent pieces commissioned.

- 4) *What is the combined total value of all of the DHB's art?*

This information is neither known or recorded.

- 5) *Where is the artwork housed? Eg, which hospital, building, wing, ward?*

Art work is displayed throughout Gisborne Hospital and associated buildings.

- 6) *Has the DHB ever donated or loaned any art and if so to who, when, for how long and why?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti has never donated an artwork, but on occasion artwork has been loaned for short periods of time.

- 7) *Is the art insured and if so for how much? Has any art ever been stolen and if so was it recovered?*

No

- 8) *Has any of the art ever been damaged and repaired and if so when, and how was it damaged?*

Hauora Tairāwhiti has no record of damage to any artwork displayed at its facilities.

9) *Has the DHB ever undertaken an art audit and if so when?*

No

10) *What is the benefit to patients of the artwork?*

Art is intrinsic to human existence and is therefore an important part of healing and care, both for people receiving that care, and for families/whānau. Hauora Tairāwhiti also has a programme of 'indigenising the space' for our circumstances in the Tairāwhiti community. We are progressively [redacted] that is part of this and it will be a feature of our new Mental Health and Addictions facility.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note this response or an edited version of this response may be published on the Hauora Tairāwhiti DHB website. Your personal/identifying information will be redacted from any responses published. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Ngā mihi

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Hauora Tairāwhiti