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Re: Official Information Act request – DHB challenges to coronial findings

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 17 May 2021 requesting information about challenges by Auckland DHB of coronial findings.

- 1. 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**
- 2. 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?

Auckland DHB has not challenged a coroner's findings published after an inquest in the last ten years. Auckland DHB was a party, but not the applicant, in respect to two decisions on name suppression arising from inquests into the death of Zachary Gravatt. These decisions were the subject of articles by Stuff. They are:

- Gravatt (Plaintiff) and The Coroner's Court at Auckland [2013] NZHC 390
- B (Plaintiff) v Coroner's Court at Auckland [2020] NZHC 2278

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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