

# Provisional improvement notice (PIN) - #4 of 5

Safe Work - People, Process & Plant

This Provisional Improvement Notice (PIN) is issued by a Health and Safety Representative (HSR) under section 69 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (the Act). This PIN requires the duty holder to whom it is issued to remedy a contravention, prevent a likely contravention, or remedy the things or activities causing contravention or likely contravention of the Act or regulations. Section 76 of the Act requires that the person to whom a PIN is issued must, as soon as practicable, display a copy of the PIN in a prominent place at, or near, the workplace or part of the workplace at which work is being carried out that is affected by the PIN.

## Health and Safety Representative

**Name:** Benjamin Basevi

**Work group:** Integrated Operations Centre

**Contact number:** [REDACTED]

## If PIN issued for different work group

[Identify work group/s and confirm reason/s as listed overleaf]

Work Group/s: Grossing Room work group

Reason Number:  1  2  3  4 (mark as applicable)

## PIN issued to

**Name of duty holder:**

Auckland District Health Board

**Address:**

2 Park Road

Grafton

Auckland

**Description of how the provision is being, or is likely to be, contravened**

The PCBU has failed to ensure that an appropriate health monitoring programme has been put in place for the Grossing Room workers.

The health monitoring in place has been a one or two yearly questionnaire with no physical assessment appropriate for the hazardous substances these workers are exposed to on a daily basis.

The only reporting system that the workers have for reporting exposure to hazardous substances is the on-line Datix incident reporting system.

Datix reports are not filed in the personal health or administration file of any worker. This means that there is no record of exposures that a worker may have had over the period of time that they worked in this environment

New employees working in the Grossing Room are not routinely given an initial health screening to obtain base-line data so as to be able to compare this with subsequent health monitoring information collected.

## PIN given to

[If PIN is given to someone on behalf of the duty holder]

**Name:** Mark Edwards

**Position:** Chief Quality, Safety & Risk Officer

**Contact number:** [REDACTED]

**Description of recommendation/s to remedy or prevent contravention**

The PCBU's health monitoring policy for high risk laboratory workers requires urgent review and upgrade - WorkSafe has already recommended a 3-monthly regime for the Grossing Room workers.

An Exposure Log report system needs to be introduced at APS under urgency to ensure that this important health information is captured and recorded on a worker's personal health file.

## Prior consultation with duty holder

I confirm that I have consulted with the duty holder about the health and safety matter as required by section 69(3) of the Act, prior to issue of this PIN.

## Site location

37 - 41 Carbine Road

Mount Wellington

## Workplace name

Anatomic Pathology Service Laboratory

Histology Department

Grossing (Cut Up) Room

## Details of contravention

I, reasonably believe that you are contravening, or are likely to contravene the:

~~Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Section~~  
~~or the~~

Health and Safety at Work

General Risk & Workplace Management

Regulations, Section 34

Regulation date (Year): 2016

Regulation number: L12016/13

## Date PIN issued

23 / 11 / 2021

## Date compliance with PIN is required

1 / 12 / 2021 (minimum of 8 days after PIN issue)

## Signature of Health & Safety Representative

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