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Re Official Information Request pornography on work computers

I am responding to your Official Information Act (OIA) request sent to Auckland DHB on 26 October 2018. You requested the following information

- 1) *Have any staff at the DHB been caught viewing pornography on work computers in the past five years? If so how many?*
- 2) *How were they caught? For example, images were discovered on a computer, on a printer, on a server, etc.?*
- 3) *What type of job did the person do? For example, doctor, nurse, manager etc – if manager please specify department or management level.*
- 4) *Please also state if the person was male or female.*
- 5) *Were the employees investigated? If so what action was taken? If not, why not?*
- 6) *If staff were suspended were they suspended on full pay?*
- 7) *How many complaints have been made in the past five years about pornography being viewed, accessed, downloaded, streamed, printed or stored on DHB computers/phones/laptops/tablets/servers? If so how many and when?*
- 8) *What action was taken over those complaints?*
- 9) *Have any staff been prosecuted criminally in the past five years for viewing, accessing, downloading, streaming, storing, or printing pornography at work? If so how many and what was the outcome?*
- 10) *Have any staff taken a personal grievance over action involving discipline for viewing, accessing, downloading, streaming, storing or printing pornography at work? If so, when, how many and what was the outcome?*

Auckland DHB has a comprehensive computer policy to provide guidance to staff on the secure management and acceptable use of email and the Internet.

This policy is designed to ensure the internet and email services are used primarily for business purposes and specifically prohibit the use of the internet or email facilities to transmit receive, distribute, view or download offensive, obscene, insulting, harassing, sexist, pornographic or otherwise inappropriate or offensive messages or pictures.

Auckland DHB has installed security facilities to assure the safety and security of our computer networks. All computer access is recorded and regularly monitored to ensure the system is being used effectively and in line with this policy and all relevant legislation. Cases of apparent abuse are referred to the appropriate Line Manager to action. As a result, there is no expectation of privacy by staff when using the ADHB network. Non business use of our computers is low.

There have been no instances of staff being caught viewing pornography on work computers over the past five years.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled under the Official Information Act under section 28(3) to seek a review of this response. 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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