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Thank you for your email of 9 August 2022 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about event reviews at Otago Corrections Facility. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

*1) I would like to request a copy of the review taken place following the 19 July 2020 incident where an inmate claimed to have removed a small metal fragment from his heads, after duck shooting took place at OCF*

Please find attached as Appendix One a copy of the event review undertaken in relation to the incident on 18 July 2020.

Corrections is statutorily obligated to protect personal information that we hold, including information relating to staff and people in prison. Accordingly, some names, medical information and other personal information have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

In accordance with section 9(1) of the OIA, we have considered countervailing public interest relating to the release of the information, such as transparency and public safety. We are satisfied that in this case, public interest considerations do not outweigh the withholding reasons outlined above.

*2) I would like to receive a list cataloging all reviews that have taken place at OCF since that incident, containing: name of review, a brief description or reason for review, and whether the review has been completed.*

I have been advised by OCF that the below additional reviews have been undertaken at the site since 18 July 2020.

Name of review	Brief Description	Review completed
Event Review – 25 September 2020	Wrongful detention	Yes
Event Review – 29 September 2020	Wrongful detention	Yes
Event Review – 28 March 2021	Prisoner assault	Yes
Learning Review – 25 November 2021	An incident of staff assault that occurred in 2021. Learning review undertaken to understand initial findings and recommendations following the assault	Yes
Event Briefing – 9 March 2022	Provide a sufficient overview of an assault incident to enable the review commissioner to make an informed decision as to whether an event review was required	Yes

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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