

## 1.1. Cyber security breach at Tū Ora Compass Health

**Classification:** [REDACTED]

**Action:** No action required. This information is for noting.

**Item:** Background

On 6 August 2019 the Ministry of Health was notified by Tū Ora Compass Health, that their website had suffered a cyber security breach on 5 August. This is the same security breach recently suffered by the Institute of Directors and a range of other websites in NZ.

Tū Ora Compass Health took immediate steps to contain the incident, called in experts to start an investigation, and notified Computer Emergency Response Team NZ (CERT NZ) and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

### Current status

The Tū Ora Compass Health main website and any GP Practices they host websites for remain offline as the investigation continues.

The investigation has so far revealed that the website was compromised in 2016 and again in 2019. Software was installed which would allow attackers to take control of the server, and also allow them to connect to other systems in Tū Ora Compass Health's network. s 9(2)(c), s 9(2)(e)

There is no evidence at this time that the attackers have accessed the Tū Ora Compass Health network or any of the information on the server but the investigation is continuing.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

### Next Steps

The Ministry is preparing communications to other sector agencies seeking assurances that they have undertaken steps to protect against a range of vulnerabilities including those experienced by Tū Ora Compass Health.

The Ministry will advise the Minister of the results of the investigation.

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s 9(2)(a)

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