

Canterbury

District Health Board

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9(2)(a)

Official Information Act (OIA) Request CDHB 10374

I refer to your official information request dated 1 August 2020 for:

1. The number of emails D Meates has received from 9(2)(a) during the period of 1 January 2020 to 31 July 2020.
2. The number of emails D Meates has acknowledged as received from 9(2)(a) for the same period.
3. The number of emails G Brogden has received from 9(2)(a) for the same period.
4. The number of emails G Brogden has acknowledged as received from 9(2)(a) for the same period.

We are declining your request under section 18(h) of the Official Information Act i.e. “... that the request is frivolous or vexatious or that the information requested is trivial”

We have not reached this decision lightly and I set out below the basis for our decision:

- You are aware of the number of emails sent by you and 9(2)(a) and how many have been acknowledged/responded to. Given the volume of emails sent by you during that time, not all will be responded to or receipt acknowledged, and where receipt is acknowledged, it may be by other staff at the DHB. As such, the DHB considers that your request lacks any serious purpose or value.
- We consider that you do not genuinely need or want the information, rather you are requesting it as a means of causing disruption, irritation or distress to the DHB or its staff.
- You have made a large number of requests, over many years and we have frequently advised you to contact external agencies including the Privacy Commissioner, Health and Disability Commissioner and Office of the Ombudsman if your grievances relating to the DHB have not, in your view, been addressed by the DHB.

- Your correspondence to many DHB staff is derogatory and abusive, including to the writer and the CEO, Mr Meates.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, information about how to do so is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or on 0800 802 602.

I have copied the Office of the Ombudsman on this response.

Regards



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