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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10274

I refer to your email dated 17 February 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. I am wishing to know the numbers of attendees who reported symptoms, following the December 3, 2019 Christchurch Girls' High Leavers' Dinner, Addington Events' Centre, as well as the range and numbers of those types of symptoms reported. I am interested in confirmed and suspected cases of Clostridium Perfringens.
2. I would like to know what 'improvements' were requested by Community and Public Health and / or MPI of the caterers.

There were two people who reported symptoms to Community and Public Health, Communicable Disease Team on the 4 December 2019 following the Christchurch Girls' High Leavers Dinner.

We also had 31 of the 67 people who reported symptoms as part of questionnaires we received for our outbreak investigation. **Table one** (below) identifies the range of symptoms reported and the number of people who experienced that symptom.

Table one:

Symptom	Number of persons with symptom
Vomiting	3
Nausea	21
Diarrhoea	26
Headache	10
Stomach cramps/abdominal pain	25
Muscle/joint ache	5
Fatigue	19
Chills	2
Fever	5
Other	3

Note some individuals reported multiple symptoms.

Community and Public Health received five faecal samples as part of our investigation. Only one of these samples met the criteria of being a laboratory confirmed case of *C. perfringens*. The 30 symptomatic people who returned questionnaires are clinically confirmed based on their symptoms, onset date and time and that they attended the same event as a laboratory confirmed case. There were no suspect cases identified.

Community and Public Health has not requested any process improvements for the catering business at Addington Events Centre as we are not authorised under the Food Act 2014 to do so. That is the responsibility of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Gullery', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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