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RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10623

I refer to your email received 2 June 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- **Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand is aware that your DHB has been presented with a Business Case to make autologous haematopoietic stem cell transplants (aHSCT) available in your DHB to patients with Multiple Sclerosis.**

Under the Official Information Act, Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand requests a copy of this Business Case along with further information including any analysis of the business case correspondence etc regarding your decisions on this application.

The Canterbury DHB holds no knowledge or information regarding a business case to make autologous haematopoietic stem cell transplants (aHSCT) available to patients with Multiple Sclerosis. We are therefore declining a response to your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act, i.e. *"that the information requested is not held..."*

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. 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 Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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