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RE Official information request CDHB 10394

I refer to your email dated 22 August 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. I have a friend who was born in your hospital on May 14, 1981. His name is 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]. He believes he is a prophet because he was born at "Christchurch" Hospital exactly 33 years after the founding of the nation of Israel. Can you please help me by telling me how many babies were born on May 14, 1981 so I can tell him? I want to show him, many babies where born into the world that date- it doesn't make him prophet.
2. Also, is Christchurch hospital a Christian hospital or started off as one?

The Canterbury DHB does not hold birthing data that goes back that far for that particular day. We are therefore declining a specific response to your request pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act.

We can tell you that on our current register of Canterbury patients, we have 33 people who were born on 14 May 1981; but we have no way of knowing whether they were actually born at Christchurch Hospital.

According to information published by the United Nations Population Division, there were an estimated 127,030,934 babies born throughout the world in the year 1981. The estimated number of babies born on 14 May 1981 is 348,030; the equivalent of 242 babies born every minute.

Christchurch Hospital which was built in 1861 is not now, and has never been, restricted to any particular, or specific, religious denomination.

I trust 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



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