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### RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10172

I refer to your email dated 22 August 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB related to the percentages of Maori who have had colonoscopies. Specifically:

- **It would be greatly appreciated if your IT or data analysis team at the District Health Board could provide the Society with data on the percentages of Maori who have had colonoscopy in the past year (or financial year if that is easier to work out), as compared with the percentage of Māori in the local population.**

There were a total of 4,738 individual patients who had a colonoscopy at Canterbury DHB in 2018/19, of whom 5.3% identified as being Maori.

The overall resident population of Maori in Canterbury in 2018/19 is 53,300, or 9.2% of the overall population, based on the Statistics New Zealand population projection estimates for 2018/19.

However, over three quarters of colonoscopies are performed on people over 40 years of age. The Canterbury Maori population for over 40 year olds in 2018/2019 is 10,520 or 5.2% of the total population over 40.

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



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