

6 July 2022

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RE Official Information Act request ChChD (Canterbury District) 10896

I refer to your email dated 13 June 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. Total patient admissions numbers to each unit (North, South, East and West Inpatient Units) at Te Awakura, Hillmorton Hospital between the periods of January 1 2022 and 31st May 2022.**

Unit	Admissions 1 January 2022 – 31 May 2022
East IP	154
North IP	112
South IP	114
West IP	129
Grand Total	509

- 2. I am also requesting during the same period and same units at Te Awakura, Hillmorton Hospital, the following information in regard to the following policy:
Search for and removal of banned items procedure (2400052).**
 - a. The total monthly amounts for each unit, as documented in patient notes of the following 2 items:
Grounds for personal and property searches
And any evidence to support patient consent being obtained or denied**

We decline to provide the above information pursuant to section 18(f) of the Act i.e. “would entail a search of individual patient records which would take a substantial amount of time and resource”.

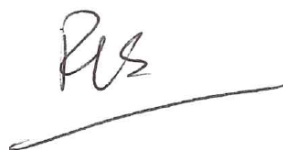
As you are aware, HDC have recommended that we complete an audit of 1 months’ worth of files against the ‘search for and removal of banned items’ procedure to ensure staff compliance. Once this has been completed we can supply the data that you have requested for that 1-month period.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

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 Waitaha Canterbury website after your receipt of this response.

Ngā mihi / Yours sincerely,



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