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RE Official information request CDHB 10445

I refer to your email dated 7 October 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- **Can you please send me the CDHB's readiness report/assessment for the Bowel Cancer Screening programme?**

The Canterbury DHBs Readiness report/assessment for the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme is currently under active consideration between the DHB and the Ministry of Health and changes to these documents is still ongoing.

Whilst we are happy to release this information once it has been finalised, we will need to decline in the interim under the following sections of the Official Information Act.

Section 9(2)(f)(iv) – Canterbury DHB are still awaiting a formal decision from the MOH, based on readiness assessment information, for a go-live date for the National Bowel Screening Programme.

Section 9(2)(j) - This information is currently in the process of being discussed with and reviewed by the ministry of health and requires finalisation before release.

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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