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**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10627**

I refer to your email dated 25 May to Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) which they subsequently partially transferred to us on 9 June 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB regarding people who are quarantined as they re-enter New Zealand and are referred to our Specialist Mental Health Services (SMHS). Specifically, parts 2, 3 and 4 as laid out below:

2. **And, from quarantine, some will be labelled 'psychiatrically disturbed' and they will go from quarantine into psychiatric facilities.**
3. **I am wondering how many people have gone into quarantine and then been involuntarily detained by one of the District Health Boards to be a psychiatric inpatient. Whether the District Health Board has filled out the paperwork for them to be lawfully held involuntarily or whether the District Health Board claims that they voluntarily chose to give up their freedom and comply with directive to go do psychiatric detention.**

One person returning to New Zealand (NZ) who was in a Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) facility was admitted informally (voluntarily) to Specialist Mental Health Service.

One person returning to NZ who was in a MIQ facility was admitted under the Mental Health Act (involuntarily) to Specialist Mental Health Service. It is a requirement that all people admitted under the Mental Health Act have the required assessment and paperwork completed.

4. **I am wondering how many might still be retained in government institutions?**

Both patients admitted directly from MIQ were discharged from Specialist Mental Health Service Inpatient care.

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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