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RE Official information request CDHB 10372

I refer to your email dated 29 July 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

- 1. A copies of any protocols developed by, endorsed by or agreed to by Canterbury Health Laboratories (CHL) in relation to testing of samples from various patient groups within Canterbury.**

Canterbury DHB considers the protocols developed by CHL to be commercially sensitive and will therefore not be shared with non-DHB entities. We are therefore declining a response to this question pursuant to section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act i.e. *"... would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information"*.

- 2. A summary of the mean and 90th centile time between sample collection and result reporting for covid-19 nucleic acid testing for samples analysed by Canterbury Health Laboratories. This should be broken down to show the time for reporting a negative result, for reporting a presumptive positive result and for reporting a confirmed positive result. I only require these times for patients normally domiciled within the CDHB and WCDHB regions but please supply the above information broken down by requestor types as follows; Christchurch hospital sites, Christchurch based after-hours medical centres, Christchurch community based requestors, requestors based in the Canterbury rural areas, requestors based in Greymouth and those based outside Greymouth but within the WCDHB region.**

The data that is reasonably accessible by CHL is summarised in **Table one** (overleaf).

Table one:

COVID-19 nuclei acid testing at CHL from 03/02/20 to 07/08/20						
Mean and 90 th centile time (hours) between sample collection and result authorisation						
Requestor			CDHB Hospital	CDHB After hours	CDHB Community	WCDHB
Turn around time (hours) from sample collection to result authorisation	Negative result	Mean	16.73	19.83	19.91	36.44
		90 th	23.57	26.42	26.72	52.76
	Positive result	Mean	23.94	32.53	31.79	69.32
		90 th	30.37	49.65	49.62	69.32

I trust 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 Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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