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**RE Official Information Act request CDHB 10571**

I refer to your email dated 22 March 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

1. Does CDHB meet the cost of gifts to children while they are in hospital.

Assuming CDHB does meet the cost of gifts to children-

2. What is the criteria for the giving of a gift, i.e., time in hospital, seriousness etc.
3. What is the average monetary value of a gift (or gifts) given to a child.
4. What costs has CDHB incurred during 2020 for gifts or, over the most recent fiscal year.
5. What is the annual budgeted sum for gifts to children.

Canterbury DHB does not meet the cost of gifts to children while they are in hospital. They are funded by donations and sponsorship.

6. What costs does CDHB incur for running the children's 'radio station' which I understand is operated in a children's ward.

The Canterbury DHB does not incur any cost for running the children's radio station. Radio Lollipop is a charity which is funded by donations and sponsorship, with a volunteer workforce.

<https://www.radiolollipop.org/?cat=278>

I trust 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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